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Synodical Calendar, 1898-99.

CORPORATE NAME.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—REV. H. C. HAITHCOX, D. D., Abilene, Kans.
Secretary—REV. J. F. SEIBERT, Sedalia, Mo.
Treasurer—MR. J. E. BREWER, Abilene, Kans.

STATISTICIAN AND HISTORIAN.

REV. J. B. McAFEE, Topeka, Kans.

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REV. F. D. ALTMAN, D. D., MR. A. L. SELIG,
MR. J. E. BREWER.

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REV. J. M. CROMER, REV. L. KEYSER,
REV. H. C. HAITHCOX, D. D.

BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE.

REV. J. F. SEIBERT, . . . 1901 REV. J. M. CROMER . 1900
T. E. DEWEY, ESQ., . . . 1899.

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REV. B. F. HILLS, DR. J. E. TRESSLER.

COMMITTEE ON QUARTERLY BENEVOLENCE ENVELOPES.

REV. H. A. KOOGLE, REV. J. CHAMBERS,
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COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

REV. J. B. McAFEE, REV. H. L. YARGER, D. D.,
REV. R. B. WHITEHILL.

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REV. H. L. YARGER, D. D., REV. F. D. ALTMAN, D. D.,
REV. EDW. P. SCHUELER.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

REV. H. C. HAITHCOX, D. D., 1901 REV. I. B. HEISEY, 1900
REV. F. D. ALTMAN, D. D., 1899.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

REV. P. S. NELLIS, REV. S. HENRY,
MR. G. W. SNYDER.

COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. EDW. P. SCHUELER, REV. J. A. McCULLOCH,
MR J. H. REITZEL.

SPEAKERS FOR 1899.

First Evening, Synodical Sermon—REV. H. C. HAITHCOX, D. D. Subject: The Bulwark of Lutheranism, Justification by Faith.

Second Evening, Anniversary of the W. H. and F. M. Society.

Third Evening—REV. J. W. PAETZNICK. Subject: Distinguishing Characteristics of the Lutheran Church.

Third Evening—REV. E. P. SCHUELER. Subject: Distinguishing Doctrines of the Lutheran Church.

Fourth Evening—REV. I. B. HEISEY. Subject: The Growth of the Lutheran Church in the United States and its Cause.

Fourth Evening—REV. F. D. ALTMAN, D. D. Subject: The Need of Lutheran Educational Institutions.

Fifth Evening, Ordination Sermon—REV. A. E. WAGNER; Alternate, REV. J. M. CROMER. Subject: Luther as a Preacher.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Time—Third Wednesday in October, 1899.

Place—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas.

PLACES OF MEETING SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF KANSAS SYNOD.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
1.	November 5–7, 1868	Topeka, Kansas.
2.	April 25, 1869	Atchison, Kansas.
	October 6–10, 1869	Kansas City, Mo.
3.	October 5–10, 1870	Lawrence, Kansas.
4.	September 27–October 1, 1871	Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.
5.	September 11–14, 1872	Monrovia, Kansas.
6.	October 1–6, 1873	Kansas City, Mo.
7.	October 21–25, 1874	Abilene, Kansas.
8.	September 22–27, 1875	Lawrence, Kansas.
9.	August 1–6, 1876	Kansas City, Mo.
10.	August 22–25, 1877	Salina, Kansas.
11.	August 7–10, 1878	Peabody, Kansas.
12.	September 24–28, 1879	Abilene, Kansas.
13.	October 13–18, 1880	Lawrence, Kansas.
14.	October 5–9, 1881	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
15.	October 25–30, 1882	Salina, Kansas.
16.	October 24–29, 1883	Eureka, Kansas.
17.	November 25–December 1, 1884	Topeka, Kansas.
18.	October 20–26, 1885	Peabody, Kansas.
19.	October 12–18, 1886	Waterville, Kansas.
20.	October 25–31, 1887	Abilene, Kansas.
21.	October 23–28, 1888	Lawrence, Kansas.
22.	October 1–6, 1889	Atchison, Kansas.
23.	October 21–27, 1890	Salina, Kansas.
24.	October 20–25, 1891	Emporia, Kansas.
25.	October 18–23, 1892	Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial.
26.	October 17–22, 1893	Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran church.
27.	October 16–21, 1894	Topeka, Kansas.
28.	October 15–20, 1895	Abilene, Kansas.
29.	October 20–25, 1896	Lawrence, Kansas.
30.	October 20–24, 1897	Peabody, Kansas.
31.	October 19–23, 1898	Hutchinson, Kansas.

PROCEEDINGS

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

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OF

KANSAS.

The Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas convened in Zion's Lutheran church, Hutchinson, Kans., Rev. A. M. Reitzel, pastor, Wednesday evening, October 19, 1898.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. E. Wagner, of Topeka. Text: Is. lx. 3.

Following the sermon, the holy communion was celebrated.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20, 1898, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President and opened in regular form with devotional services.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates were received.

The following is the roll of this convention.

Synodical Roll.

	Ministers.	Entered Ministry.	Residence.
1	Rev. P. S. Nellis	1846	Hutchinson.
2	Rev. Jacob Schauer, *a. e.*	1848	Atchison.
3	Rev. L. C. Groseclose, *a. e.*	1849	Eureka.
4	Rev. A. Essick, *a. e.*	1849	
5	Rev. S. Henry, *a. e.*	1850	Independence.
6	Rev. J. B. McAfee, *a. e.*	1854	Topeka.
7	Rev. G. A. Bowers, D. D., *a. e.*	1854	Louisville, Ky.
8	Rev. B. F. Hills, *a. e.*	1854	Elmo.
9	Rev. A. B. Kirtland, *a. e.*	1857	Salina.
10	Rev. Henry Heigerd, *a.*	1858	
11	Rev. A. M. Geiger, D. D., *a. e.*	1859	Kansas City, Mo.
12	Rev. D. Scholl, *a. e.*	1859	Wellsville.
13	Rev. R. B. Whitehill	1862	Kansas City, Mo.
14	Rev. W. M. Sparr, *a. e.*	1864	Belgrade, Montana.
15	Rev. A. J. Hartsock, *a. e.*	1867	McPherson.
16	Rev. A. J. Hesson	1867	Chicago, Ill.
17	Rev. J. H. Stough, Ph. D., *a. e.*	1872	Atchison.
18	Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	1872	Abilene.
19	Rev. J. A. Bright	1873	Topeka.
20	Rev. S. Palmer, *a. e.*	1875	Abilene.
21	Rev. J. W. Kimmel	1875	Leavenworth.
22	Rev. E. F. A. Hantel	1875	Glasco.
23	Rev. J. A. Lowe, *a. e.*	1876	Jerico.
24	Rev. J. M. Cromer	1876	Kansas City, Mo.
25	Rev. B. F. Pugh	1877	Ottawa.
26	Rev. L. S. Keyser	1878	Atchison.
27	Rev. W. F. Rentz, *a.*	1879	Pottsville, Pa.
28	Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.	1882	Atchison.
29	Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.	1885	Atchison.
30	Rev. J. F. Scherer, *a. e.*	1885	Atchison.
31	Rev. George Sanderson, *a.*	1886	Merriam.
32	Rev. Jonas Freet, *a. e.*	1888	Sabetha.
33	Rev. H. A. Koogle	1888	Chapman.
34	Rev. J. B. Umberger, *a. e.*	1889	Ottawa.
35	Rev. S. C. Chatham, *a.*	1889	Leavenworth.
36	Rev. W. E. Brehm, *r.*	1890	Lawrence.
37	Rev. J. F. Seibert	1891	Sedalia, Mo.
38	Rev. I. B. Heisey	1892	Waterville.
39	Rev. R. B. Wolf	1893	Eureka.
40	Rev. E. F. Trefz, *a. e.*	1894	St. Joseph, Mo.
41	Rev. A. E. Wagner	1894	Topeka.
42	Rev. Paul G. Tonsing, *a. e.*	1894	Beloit.
43	Rev. P. S. Spraker, *a.*	....	Kenard, Neb.
44	Rev. Julius W. Paetznick	1895	Hanover.
45	Rev. B. F. Kistler	1896	Bunker Hill.
46	Rev. A. M. Reitzel	1896	Hutchinson.
47	Rev. Maurice Berg	1896	Whitewater.
48	Rev. J. J. Chambers	1896	New Cambria.
49	Rev. Geo. C. Cromer	1896	Litchfield, Ill.
50	Rev. Edw. P. Schueler	1896	Kansas City, Mo.
51	Rev. D. H. Cramer, *o.*	1897	Greenleaf.
52	Rev. E. E. Stauffer, *o.*	1897	Wellington.
53	Rev. J. A. McCulloch, *l. e.*	1897	Salina.

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused. *o.* Ordained. *l. e.* License extended.
r. Received at this Synod from Congregational Church.

Lay Delegates.

Lay Delegates.	Congregation.	Residence.
J. C. Brewer	Abilene	Abilene.
J. H. Berlin	Atchison	Atchison.
C. C. Seidel *	Banner City, Mt. Zion	Dayton.
C. C. Sherwood *	Banner City, St. James'	Abilene.
John Clark *	Barnes	Barnes.
Wm. Frank *	Greenleaf	Greenleaf.
Matthias Ringer	Beloit	Beloit.
Wm. Hoopman *	Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill.
John Gamber	Bunker Hill, Excelsior	Excelsior.
W. H. Betz *	Chapman, Ebenezer	Chapman.
Dr. J. W. Neptune *	Chapman, Scherer Memorial	Chapman.
Dr. W. S. Wallace *	Effingham	Effingham.
J. M. Dornblazer *	Valley Falls	Valley Falls.
F. S. Rizer	Emporia	Emporia.
Robert Ladwick *	East Norway	Moray.
S. A. Peterson	Eureka	Eureka.
I. M. Yost *	Hays City	Hays City.
G. A. Brehm	Hutchinson	Hutchinson.
Anton Clever *	Jerico	Jerico, Mo.
E. Stine *	Kansas City, First	Kansas City, Mo.
D. H. Kresky	Kansas City, Memorial	Kansas City, Mo.
C. J. Erickson	Lawrence	Lawrence.
J. B. Welch *	Leavenworth	Leavenworth.
George Harbaugh *	Minneapolis	Minneapolis.
	Minneapolis, St. John's.	
	Minneapolis, Grace.	
J. J. Miller *	Morrill	Sabetha.
J. M. Brubaker *	New Cambria	New Cambria.
George Bull *	New Cambria, St. Paul's	Kipp.
John Eckhart *	Norcatur, St. Mark's	Norcatur.
Jude Geiger *	Norcatur, Oberlin	Oberlin.
G. W. Snyder, *a. e.*	Ottawa	Ottawa.
Peter Brandt *	Garnett	Garnett.
E. R. Worthington	Peabody	Peabody.
William Berg	Salina	Salina.
A. F. Dresel, M. D.	Sedalia	Atchison.
W. M. Harbaugh *		Sedalia, Mo.
Dr. Chas. R. Geiger *	St. Joseph	St. Joseph, Mo.
Henry W. McAfee	Topeka	Topeka.
Michael Eberhart *	Vinland	Vinland.
J. H. Reitzel, *a. e.*	Waterville	Waterville.
L. R. Kistler *	Waterville, Hebron	Thomas.
J. B. Tritt *	Wellington	Wellington.
E. F. Mickley, *a. e.*	Wellington, Perth	Perth.
G. B. Haustine *	Whitewater	Whitewater.

a. e. Absent and excused. * Not a delegate. Name printed by Secretary, as instructed, for purpose of correspondence in case officers of Synod or others have occasion to communicate with congregation.

Advisory Members.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary Board of Home Missions.

Rev. W. E. Brehm, pastor of the Lutheran church, Lawrence, Kans.

Corresponding Members.

Revs. R. Neal, D. D., pastor of the Congregational church; W. T. Bigger, A. M. E. church; J. C. Hall, D. D., First M. E. church; A. F. Irwin, D. D., Presbyterian church; H. B. Vennum, Evangelical Association; W. A. Van Gundy, Methodist church; A. P. Allen, Disciple church; D. M. Moore, Presbyterian church.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren: Again we assemble in our annual convention. The volume of another year is closed. We are here to inscribe the title-page of a new one. Before so doing, let us acknowledge God's mercy to us since we last met. Countless blessings have been bestowed upon us by Him who watches our "going out and coming in." To Him be praise and honor and gratitude. Since we parted a year ago at Peabody, one of our number has spoken his final farewell on earth and uttered his glad good-morning in the land of deathless day. We shall greatly miss Father Acker. No kindlier voice than his has ever joined in our councils. No more transparent life has blessed our Synodical fellowship. But I must leave to the proper appointment suitable memorial tribute.

DISMISSALS.

The following brethren have been granted, at their own request, letters of dismission at the dates and to the Synods herein indicated:

November 22, 1897, Rev. J. W. Buzzard, to the Rocky Mountain Synod.
April 5, 1898, Rev. S. M. Lesher, to the Nebraska Synod.
May 1, 1898, Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer, to the Franckean Synod.
June 6, 1898, Rev. J. F. Sponseller, to the Nebraska Synod.
August 30, 1898, Rev. J. Nelson Lentz, to the Nebraska Synod.
September 1, 1898, Rev. H. Zimmerman, to the Nebraska Synod.
August 3, 1898, Rev. J. M. Long, to the Iowa Synod.
August 25, 1898, Rev. R. H. Williams, to the Iowa Synod.

ACCESSIONS.

The following letters have been received:

January 22, 1898, letter of Rev. L. S. Keyser, from the Miami Synod.
August 5, 1898, letter of Rev. J. F. Scherer, from Central Illinois Synod.
April 4, 1898, letter of Rev. W. E. Brehm, from the N. W. Congregational Association of Ministers and Churches in Kansas.

The first two names have been enrolled as members, and the letter of brother Brehm placed with the Examining Committee.

RESIGNATIONS.

Official notice was given of the following resignations:

March 1, 1898, Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer resigned Salina charge.
April 1, 1898, Rev. S. M. Lesher resigned Valley Falls charge.
April 1, 1898, Rev. B. F. Pugh resigned Wellington charge.
August 30, 1898, Rev. J. F. Sponseller resigned Minneapolis charge.
September 1, 1898, Rev. J. B. Umberger resigned Ottowa charge.
August 1, 1898, Rev. J. Nelson Lentz resigned Greenleaf charge.
September 1, 1898, Rev. H. Zimmerman resigned Hayes charge.
September 1, 1898, Rev. R. H. Williams resigned Peabody charge.
October 1, 1898, Rev. Jonas Freet resigned Norcatur charge.
November 1, 1898, Rev. J. J. Chambers resigned Jerico charge,
August 1, 1898, Rev. E. F. Trefz resigned St. Joseph charge.
September 1, 1898, Rev. H. A. Koogle resigned Chapman charge.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

The following brethren have received calls and made settlements as herein indicated:

November 1, 1897, Rev. L. S. Keyser, Atchison.
December 1, 1897, Rev. W. E. Brehm, Lawrence.
July 1, 1898, Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Wellington.
July 1, 1898, Rev. J. F. McCullough, Salina.
September 4, 1898, Rev. D. H. Cramer, Greenleaf.
October 1, 1898, Rev. Jonas Freet, Sabetha.
November 1, 1898, Rev. J. J. Chambers, New Cambria.

INSTALLATIONS.

On November 14, 1897, Rev. George C. Cromer was installed pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church of Emporia, Rev. J. M. Cromer delivering the charge to the pastor and the President the charge to the congregation.

On February 6, 1898, Rev. E. A. Hantel was installed pastor of the Glasco charge, Rev. J. A. Bright officiating by request of congregation and appointment of President.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

On October 26, 1897, the corner-stone of the Excelsior church was laid, the following brethren taking part: Revs. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Henry Zimmerman, B. F. Kistler, and the President of Synod.

DEDICATION.

On April 10, 1898, the Excelsior church of the Bunker Hill charge, Rev. B. F. Kistler, pastor, was solemnly dedicated to God, Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., efficiating. This building is most favorably located and was dedicated free from debt. The faithful young pastor and his devoted people are to be congratulated upon their successful effort in building up our Lutheran Zion. The cost of this building was about $1800.00.

VACANCIES.

I regret to report a larger than usual number of vacancies. The following charges are vacant: Minneapolis, Jerico, Norcatur, Banner City, Chapman, Ottawa, Hays City, St. Joseph, Valley Falls, Peabody, Emporia, Ellsworth and Vinland.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I am glad to note the growing interest in our institutions of learning on this territory. Midland College commenced this year with the largest enrollment in her history. Each year adds new confirmation of the predictions of her friends and originators, in which fulfilment none should find greater cause for joy than Kansas Synod. The Western Theological Seminary is in a most prosperous condition, having the largest attendance yet enrolled. On the 23d of September, Prof. J. L. Neve was installed as professor of the German department of the Seminary. In our rejoicing over the marked success of our college and seminary, let us not forget to keep before our people their claims upon us, and most earnestly implore God's continual guidance.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We are pleased to note the favorable reports made by most of our pastors on "the state of religion." They indicate an increasing interest and growth in spiritual life, a more faithful and grateful use of the means of grace, a more regular and liberal system of benevolence and a more earnest concern for all those things which tend to build up the believer and make effective the church.

CONCLUSION.

I now return to you the trust you for two successive years have so kindly placed in my hands. I cannot do so, however, without most cordially thanking you, not alone for the honor conferred, but as well for your uniform kindness, courtesy and co-operation. May the rich blessing of heaven rest upon this Synodical Convention, upon you, upon the people you represent, upon my successor in office, upon all the people of God.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. WAGNER.

Election of Officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. J. F. Seibert.

Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Brewer.

Historian and Statistician—Rev. J. B. McAfee.

The first seven rows of pews were made the bar of Synod.

Election of Trustees.

Revs. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., F. D. Altman, D. D., and J. F. Seibert were elected.

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.

Meeting: 9:00 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.
Adjournment: 11:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Evening Service: 7:30 o'clock.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Brewer, read his report. (See Appendix A.)

Home Missions.

The Western Secretary, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., addressed Synod upon this important subject, eliciting much interest and calling forth many questions, which were satisfactorily answered.

Appointment of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. I. B. Heisey, H. A. Koogle, and Mr. G. A. Brehm.

2. *Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. J. H. Berlin, E. F. Mickley, and C. J. Erickson.

3. *Leave of Absence*—Revs. A. M. Reitzel, Maurice Berg, and Mr. John Gamber.

4. *Apportionment*—Revs. B. F. Kistler, E. E. Stauffer, and Mr. D. H. Kresky.

5. *Devotional Services*—Revs. A. M. Reitzel, H. C. Haithcox, D. D., and J. F. Seibert.

6. *Synodical Calendar*—Revs. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Julius Paetznick, and R. B. Whitehill.

7. *Correspondence*—Revs. Edw. P. Schueler, J. A. McCulloch, and Mr. Henry W. McAfee.

8. *Literary and Theological Institutions*—Revs. J. M. Cromer, J. J. Chambers, and A. F. Dresel, M. D.

9. *Minutes of Conference*—Revs. B. F. Pugh, E. F. A. Hantel, and Mr. William Berg.

10. *Resolutions*—Revs. R. B. Wolf, F. D. Altman, D. D., and Mr. J. H. Reitzel.

11. *Vacant Congregations*—Revs. A. E. Wagner, I. B. Heisey, and Mr. Matthias Ringer.

12. *Temperance*—Revs. J. B. McAfee, H. L. Yarger, D. D., and Rev. R. B. Whitehill.

13. *Manuscript of Rev. P. S. Nellis*—Revs. L. S. Keyser, J. M. Cromer, and E. F. A. Hantel.

14. *Minutes of Last Meeting*—Revs. P. S. Nellis, S. Henry, and Mr. G. W. Snyder.

15. *Parochial Reports*—Revs. Edw. P. Schueler, J. A. McCulloch, and Mr. J. H. Reitzel.

16. *Literature*—Revs. L. S. Keyser, J. W. Paetznick, and A. F. Dresel, M. D.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. E. Brehm.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Rev. R. B. Whitehill led in the opening prayer.

Reporters.

City Papers—Rev. Edw. P. Schueler.
Lutheran Observer—Rev. A. E. Wagner.
Lutheran World—Rev. R. B. Wolf.
Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. A. M. Reitzel.

Ad Interim License.

The following amendment to the Constitution, to be known as Article VIII., Sec. 1 fa., was adopted:

"The President shall have power to grant *ad interim* license upon the recommendation of three members of the Examining Committee of Synod."

Report of Committee on the Work and Condition of the Luther League of Kansas, and Its Relation to this Synod.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report:

I. On the work of the Luther League of Kansas and the Kansas Synod.

As set forth in its Constitution, the work is "the formation of Young People's Societies in Lutheran congregations; to help confirmed members to be faithful to their confirmation vow and helpful to their pastors; to strengthen the bond of union among all Lutherans, and to foster Christian living and Church loyalty."

II. On the relation of the Luther League of Kansas to this Synod.

In the Minutes of said League (pages 5 and 6) we see that this Synod endorsed the League, and promised assistance so far as needed; that the League

met three years in connection with Synod; then, in 1895 (p. 45), resolved to meet apart from Synod, and so met in 1896 at Lindsborg, Kansas, May 26 and 27 (p. 57).

III. On the condition of the League.

The condition seems to be one of questioning inactivity. It has held no session since May, 1896.

In view of these things, your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve the work of the League.

2. *Resolved*, That the relation of the Synod to the League is advisory.

3. *Resolved*, That we advise the setting apart of Tuesday evening and Wednesday forenoon and afternoon of the week of Synod as a suitable time for holding the annual meeting of the Luther League of Kansas and Kansas Synod, and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the officers of the Luther League and prepare a program and arrange for the Convention one year hence.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HAITHCOX,
J. M. CROMER,
EDW. P. SCHUELER.

Adopted *seriatim*.

The Secretary of Synod was instructed to send a telegram of congratulation and God-speed to the Luther League of America, in session in Third National Convention in Greater New York.

Members of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Revs. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., and F. D. Altman, D. D., as members of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer do hereby report that, after careful examination and comparison, we found the same correct, carefully and systematically kept, and of very easy access, for which said brother, our Treasurer, deserves the thanks of the Synod, and we do hereby extend them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BERLIN,
C. J. ERICKSON.

Rev. J. M. Cromer gave notice that one year hence he would move a change in the appointment of the Advisory Board of Home Missions, to the effect that the President of Synod shall always be a member and Chairman of this Committee.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

(See Appendix B.)

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The W. H. and F. M. Society had charge of this service, the President, Mrs. Alice Bond, presiding.

Instructive papers were read by Mrs. H. L. Humphry, of Abilene, Mrs. L. S. Keyser, of Atchison, and Miss Josephine Maedel, of Kansas City, who read the one prepared by Mrs. Emma C. Beegle, of Atchison.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., followed with an address on the subject of Home Missions.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 9 A. M.

Rev. Edw. P. Schueler conducted the devotional service.

Rev. P. S. Nellis led in prayer, Synod having been called to order.

The roll of Synod was called and Mr. F. S. Rizer received as a delegate from the Emporia congregation.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to publish the post-office address of each lay delegate, together with the name and address of some member from each congregation not having a lay delegate.

Lutheranism in Oklahoma.

Mr. Knepley was granted the privilege of the floor to speak in behalf of the Lutheran Church in Oklahoma. After listening to the brother's very urgent request for work in the territory, the matter was referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your Committee appointed to draft a resolution embodying the sentiments of the Synod on the temperance question, would offer the following:

Resolved, 1. That we re-affirm our unflinching hostility to every form of the liquor traffic. That we regard it as the greatest evil of our times, and the greatest foe of our government, weakening our financial strength, sapping our social purity, and vitiating our moral integrity; and we believe that any one who aids or encourages the business by voice, vote or pen is untrue to the cause of Christ.

Resolved, 2. That as a body we condemn the action of the Governor of our State in abolishing the metropolitan police system, and regard it as a blow to the cause of temperance and a concession to the demands of the liquor power.

Resolved, 3. That we pledge our co-operation to the Anti-Saloon league of America, and would name Rev. J. B. McAfee as our representative in the National Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. YARGER,
R. B. WHITEHILL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Conferences.

Your Committee on Conferences would respectfully report the following:

1. That the Northeast and Southwest Conferences have held no meetings during the past year.

2. The Southern Conference held one enthusiastic meeting at Whitewater, June 22d-24th, at which all members of Conference were present.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. PUGH,
E. F. A. HANTEL,
WM. BERG.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your Committee has apportioned the following amounts per capita:

For General Synod Treasury	$0 02
" Synodical Treasury	10
" Home Missions	25
" Foreign Missions	19
" Church Extension	19
" Board of Education	20
" Beneficiary Education	13
" Pastors' Fund	10
" Orphans' Home	05
" Deaconess Board	035
" Home for Aged	05
	$1 315

Respectfully submitted, B. F. KISTLER,
E. E. STAUFFER,
D. H. KRESKY.

Adopted.

For table giving amount of apportionment for each congregation see Appendix C.

Report on Minutes of Last Meeting.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod, held at Peabody, Kansas, October, 1897, reports that it has examined the Protocol and finds: That it has been accurately and neatly kept; that the orders of Synod have been obeyed; that the matters pending have been considered, and that there is nothing more therein to call before this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, R. B. WOLF.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Your Committee on Correspondence has received but one communication for its consideration. This is a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Education, which, according to the intention of the writer, we lay before the Synod:

ABILENE, KANS., OCT. 19, 1898.

To the Kansas Synod, Hutchinson, Kansas:

Dear Brethren: The Board of Education makes a special appeal to you this year. Midland College and the Western Seminary with its German Department are all within your borders. Through them the whole General Synod Church is doing more for Kansas than for any other State in the Union. You ought, therefore, to do more than you are doing, and to be very grateful in the doing of it. The President of the Western Seminary is of your body. Your churches will be first to receive benefit from both College and Seminary. In the name of Christ and the Church and her schools, arouse yourselves. To be careless or a little indifferent, will be sin. The Kansas Synod ought to raise every dollar of the apportionment for the Board of Education. She ought to do more. What more? This: She ought to be raising money for the endowment of a chair in Midland College. Why are you not doing it? Will you do it? It is right and meet that you should do it. WILL YOU?

This is our especial appeal to you. May God, who has been very free in His bounty to you in all this and last year, fill you with His Spirit in all good works, and make you not to grow weary in well doing.

Very cordially yours, H. C. HAITHCOX,

General Secretary Board of Education.

As bearing upon the subject here presented, the Committee would call attention to the fact that, whereas $293.30 was apportioned last year for the Board of Education, the Treasurer's report shows only $198.88 of this amount paid, the deficit amounting to about one-third of the apportionment. This

fact emphasizes the appeal which the Secretary makes in behalf of the work of this important Board of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. P. SCHUELER,
J. A. McCULLOCH,
H. W. McAFEE.

Pending the adoption of this report, the Synod was addressed upon the work of the Board of Education by the Secretary, Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., after which the apportionment for this cause was changed from ten to twenty cents per member. (See report of Committee on Apportionment.)

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee to whom the President's Report was referred would respectfully report:

That we find all the acts of the President in harmony with our constitution and faithfully performed. He reports the death of Rev. Acker, an honored member of Synod. We recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions in memory of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY,
H. A. KOOGLE,
G. A. BREHM.

Adopted.

President appointed Revs. J. M. Cromer, H. L. Yarger, D. D., and Maurice Berg a committee to make suitable reference to the death of Rev. H. Acker.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education would report as follows:

During the past year aid has been given to Rev. E. E. Stauffer in the sum of $150.00, to Rev. D. H. Cramer in the sum of $50.00, and to Mr. W. L. Bright in the sum of $100.00. Rev. E. E. Stauffer has received and accepted a call to our Wellington pastorate and Rev. D. H. Cramer has received and accepted a call to our Greenleaf charge. Both are doing excellent work. Mr. W. L. Bright is pursuing his studies in the theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.

We would make the following recommendations:

First, that aid be granted Frederick Shirck in the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00).

Second, that aid be granted Charles McCulloch in the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75.00).

Third, That aid be granted A. F. Dresel in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00).

Fourth, that the sum of thirteen cents per capita be apportioned to the beneficiary fund.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. WAGNER,
F. E. DEWEY.

Adopted.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Stauffer.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, presented the work of that Board.

Report of Committee on Devotional Services.

(See Addresses and Sermons, page —.)

Report on Literary and Theological Institutions.

The papers submitted to this Committee are a copy of the latest catalogue of Midland College, together with a lengthy communication from the President, Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D. D., and also a statement from Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., President of the Western Theological Seminary.

The standing of these institutions is well known as comparing most favorably with all similar institutions, and we are gratified to be able to report steady progress in both.

The benefits of an education are doubly increased when that education is Christian, and it is made still more serviceable and efficient when it is of our own denomination. The time is here, and is coming more fully, when the necessity for such institutions will be more absolute.

We rejoice in the strength and substantial growth of our educational interests in the West, knowing that they are fundamental to our success as a church on this territory, and are glad that we can so heartily commend them to our churches for patronage and support.

We recommend, therefore, that we continue to commend these institutions to the merciful favor and blessing of Almighty God, that He may direct their affairs within, and their interests without.

That we loyally present to our churches the opportunities afforded by these institutions for the Christian education of the children of the Church.

That we, as pastors, constantly seek out especially those of our young men who may be naturally qualified for the ministry, and urge upon them the claims of God and the Church.

That we regularly observe the day of prayer for colleges, and comply with the request to use this day in the interests of the college library; and

That we heartily second and encourage all the efforts put forth for the increase of a permanent endowment fund for both college and seminary.

It is a matter of special gratification that during the past year a positive step in advance has been taken in the addition of a German professor, Prof. J. L. Neve, to our Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
J. J. CHAMBERS,
A. F. DRESEL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Rev. P. S. Nellis's Manuscript

Your Committee would respectfully report that there has been placed in their hands a manuscript of 216 pages, entitled, "One Hundred and Forty-Five Corrections of Obscure, Doubtful and Absolutely Incorrect Translations of our English New Testament, according to the Original Greek Scripture. Compared also with the German Bible, with the Latin Vulgate, and with the Revised Version." It is written by our venerable and highly esteemed brother, Rev. P. S. Nellis, of Hutchinson, Kansas. While we have not had time to give a work of so technical a character the critical examination it deserves, we have read enough of it in manuscript form, and from time to time in some of our church papers, to be able to say that it is critical, scholarly and fair, and, so far as we could determine, correct in its exegesis of difficult passages of Scripture. We recognize the vast amount of work and the painstaking care so evident in its production, snd sympathize with its author in his desire to secure its publication in book form.

We would say, that, while we cannot directly recommend its publication to our Publication Society, not because we have no confidence in its merits, but because we have no jurisdiction over that institution, and do not feel that it would be right in any way to embarrass the Publishing Committee in deciding on the merits of manuscripts; yet we would suggest to brother Nellis that he give to his production the best possible literary form, and submit it to our own Publication Society or some other firm, leaving to them to decide without external constraint on its availability for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. KEYSER,
J. M. CROMER,
E. F. A. HANTEL.

Adopted.

Rev. J. M. Cromer led in the closing prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

The subject of Church Extension was presented by Rev. John F. Seibert, and Foreign Missions received due consideration in a well prepared address by Rev. L. S. Keyser.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 9:00 A. M.

The service of prayer and praise was conducted by Rev. J. A. McCulloch.

Rev. J. W. Paetznick led in prayer.

In Memoriam—Rev. H. Acker.

We can say nothing more commendatory, nothing more well-deserved and true in memory of our departed brother, Rev. H. Acker, than when we say that a man of God has gone to his reward. Like a shock of grain he ripened, and was gathered into the garner of our blessed Lord.

As a man, he was honorable, just, and upright, pure in thought, and wise in his judgment; as a Christian, he was reverently devout and sweet-spirited, and as a Christian minister, most conscientious, loyal to God's Word and the teachings of His Church.

It is, therefore, our pleasure and duty to lay this immortelle upon his grave, and to express our Christian sympathy with his beloved wife and children who mourn his loss, commending them to the Father in heaven who never ceases to care for His children.

We also desire to take this warning to ourselves. Time is passing. One by one the workmen die. The work lives on. It is for us, with new conceptions of our day and duty, to "be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," that when His summons comes to us we may be ready to enter into the joys of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
H. L. YARGER,
MAURICE BERG.

Adopted by a rising vote and prayer by Rev. A. E. Wagner.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

The following are the pastorates in our Synod aided by the Board of Home Missions, and, as far as we could ascertain, the amounts appropriated for the present and last year:

	This year.	Last year.
Atchison	$350 00	$250 00
Barnes and Greenleaf	175 00	200 00
Beloit	130 00	150 00
Bunker Hill	157 50	185 00
Chapman	50 00	50 00
Eureka	100 00	150 00
Effingham and Valley Falls	Vacant	200 00
Hays City	Vacant	200 00
Hutchinson	350 00	375 00

	This year.	Last year.
Minneapolis	Vacant	175 00
Ottawa and Garnett	200 00	250 00
Sedalia	340 00	385 00
St. Joseph	Vacant	600 00
Topeka	175 00	250 00
Wellington and Perth	100 00	175 00

Nearly all have made reductions, the total, as far as reported, being $292.50. One of the missions promises self-support during the year, and information from the majority of the pastorates indicates some progress, with an encouraging outlook.

A letter from the Secretary of the Church Council of the Ottawa congregation has been referred to us. It asks that Synod recognize the Ottawa church as a separate charge.

We recommend that the Advisory Board of Home Missions be authorized to grant the request of the Ottawa congregation, if in its judgment it be wise so to do, and that the action of this Advisory Board shall be taken as, and have the force of, an act of the Synod, and that in the event of a division of the charge, the Board of Home Missions be requested to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the support of a pastor at Ottawa.

The Lutheran Church at Effingham asks the aid of Synod in securing a regular pastor. This congregation reports its willingness to call a pastor, but its former associate, Valley Falls, declares it does not want to employ a minister at this time. The Effingham church feels that its work should not be delayed or embarrassed by reason of the inactivity of one part of the charge. The judgment is expressed that Effingham should have the aid formerly given by the Board of Home Missions to the pastorate, and that, if possible, this congregation be joined with East Norway and a new charge be formed, composed of the Effingham and East Norway congregations.

This subject coming to our attention so recently, and not having opportunity to confer with representatives from Valley Falls or East Norway, the committee does not feel prepared to give an intelligent report of the entire situation, but we feel disposed to recommend the following:

That the Board of Home Missions be requested to appropriate $200.00 to Effingham as soon as this congregation shall secure a regular pastor, and that East Norway and Valley Falls receive word through the Secretary of Synod concerning the desire of Effingham; and further, that the Advisory Board of Home Missions inquire more particularly into the needs and wishes of these congregations, and be prepared one year hence to recommend something definite for the best interests of all concerned.

We also recommend that these two vacant congregations, Effingham and Valley Falls, confer with our Western Theological Seminary about supplies from time to time, that the churches above-mentioned may not be without the ministrations of the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
I. B. HEISEY,
H. C. HAITHCOX.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee on Vacancies make the fotlowiog report:

The following charges are at this time vacant: Minneapolis, Jerico, Ottawa, Norcatur, Banner City, Chapman, Hays City, St. Joseph, Valley Falls, Peabody, Ellsworth, Vinland, Emporia.

While these vacancies exist, there are brethren who are ready and anxious for work. We, therefore, recommend that the President of Synod be authorized to visit, or appoint others to visit, under his direction, such vacant charges as he may deem in need of such visitation, and where these vacant congregations do not meet the actual expeases incurred in such visitation the same be paid from our synodical treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. WAGNER,
I. B. HEISEY,
MATTHIAS RINGER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Calendar adopted.

(See first pages of Minutes.)

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three, of which Dr. H. L. Yarger shall be chairman, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to work up the interests of the Endowment Fund of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary.

To serve with Dr. Yarger on this committee, the President appointed Revs. F. D. Altman, D. D., and Edw. P. Schueler.

Election of Delegates to the General Synod.

The following were elected:

CLERICAL.

Primarii.	*Secundi.*
Rev. John F. Seibert,	Rev. L. S. Keyser,
Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.,	Rev. A. E. Wagner,
Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.,	Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.,
Rev. I. B. Heisey,	Rev. Edw. P. Schueler,
Rev. A. B. Wolf.	Rev. J. M. Cromer.

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E Stine,	Alfred Nicholas,
J. E. Brewer,	T. E. Dewey,
C. J. Erickson,	A. F. Dresel,
H. W. McAfee,	J. H. Berlin,
J. B. Wherfel.	Matthias Ringer.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Time—Third Wednesday in October.

Place—Atchison.

Adjourned with prayer by A. F. Dresel, M. D.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1 : 30 P. M.

Rev. J. J. Chambers led in prayer.

The Secretary was instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of the minutes, and gratuitously to insert the minutes of the W. H. & F. M. S.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee would report that we have received copies of several publications of the Church, which have been sent for free distribution. We would beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily commend to all our pastors and people the Missionary Journal, published under the auspices of our Missionary Boards; the Lamp, costing only ten cents per year, published by our Board of Education; the Sunday-School Herald and the Augsburg Lesson Helps, so valuable for the use of our Sunday-schools; also Zions-Bote, the organ of the German Synods, so ably conducted by Prof. J. L. Neve and his co-workers, and whose circulation must do much toward creating sympathy and promoting co-operation between the German and English elements in the Lutheran Church of America.

Resolved, That we would, with all our hearts, commend our Lutheran Publication Society for the excellent works on Lutheran history and doctrine recently issued from its press, and we would call special attention to such helpful volumes as the "Lutheran Handbook Series," of which the "Lives of Spener and Francke," by Mrs. M. Richard, and the "Life of Luther," by Dr. Chas. E. Hay, have already been issued; and that we earnestly hope that this valuable series will be continued, as well as all other works that extend the knowledge of the divine Word and our precious Lutheran faith and history.

Resolved, That we recognize the value of our church papers, both English and German, in the work of the Church, and believe that at least one weekly visitor of this character should be placed in each Lutheran home. We are glad to note the attractive typographical character of our church periodicals, and the pleasing manner in which church news and other articles are presented in their columns. However,

WHEREAS, It is evident that the number of church papers now published in the General Synod is larger than the size of our communion requires or justifies; and,

Whereas, A much better and cheaper paper could be published could it be guaranteed the patronage of the entire Church; and,

Whereas, We believe one official paper for the General Synod would relieve the Church of much of the unfortunate controversy with which it has been troubled under the present conditions; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of Kansas, through its delegates, memorializes the General Synod for the establishment of one first-class family church paper for the General Synod.

Resolved, That in general we urge upon all our pastors to labor earnestly for the circulation of pure, healthful literature among our people, old and young, and that every possible precaution be taken to counteract the influence and circulation of all productions of a frivolous, impure, rationalistic and infidel character.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. KEYSER,
J. W. PAETZNICK,
A. F. DRESEL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Unity in faith and in work is necessary for the highest efficiency, and the need for hearty co-operation with our General Synod's plans and Boards is great and pressing; and

WHEREAS, The Synod of Kansas owes its very existence and growth to the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, and its educational work to the Board of Education.

1. *Resolved*, That Kansas Synod reaffirm its entire confidence in the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Church Extension, the Board of Education and the Board of Publication, and commend them and their several interests to the hearty co-operation of our churches and people.

2. *Resolved*, That as our Boards are composed of Christian gentlemen, who have the best interests of the Church at heart, we express our appreciation of the labors and devotion of the individual members of the various Boards, and the efforts and efficiency of their officers, secretaries, and especially of those located on our territory, whose services have been frequent and fruitful to our own congregations.

3. *Resolved*, That, as the General Synod has advised against the giving to the public press anything to create and foster division among us, or to estrange brethren one from another, we recommend that any one having a grievance against any member or officer of a Board, present such grievance to such Board, or to the General Synod, and not to the church and secular press.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod appreciates very sincerely the hearty welcome

given it by the people of Hutchinson, Kansas. Our visit has been pleasant and profitable, and we desire to express our grateful acknowledgment of the same. We hereby extend our thanks to the members of this congregation and its friends in general, and to the pastor and his wife in particular, for the generous and most hospitable entertainment of the members and visitors of the Kansas Synod; to the choir for its excellent help in music, and to the city press for its favorable mention and full account of our proceedings; and further,

Resolved, That the President of the Synod read this resolution and express the sense of this Synod at the close of the services on Sunday evening.

Respectfully submitted, R. B. WOLF,
F. D. ALTMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Trustees of Orphans' Home.

Your Trustees of our Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa., were not at any of the Board meetings. But by correspondence and from Orphans' Home Echoes we learn that the great need of the Home is larger contributions, some special donations to enable them to erect additional buildings, including a nursery, chapel, and additional dormitories; also, to acquire more land. They have 148 children. There are 30 applications demanding early attention. The house is almost full, and the family sufficiently large for the funds contributed.

The authorities say 150 are all they can consistently take care of with the funds contributed, so no more can be accepted except as some are discharged. In the last year they discharged 31 and admitted 34. The age at which they are admitted is six years. They need a nursery so they can take the little ones. May the contributions steadily increase.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. HILLS,
J. E. TRESSLER.

Adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod at its meeting at Mansfield, O., in June, 1897, took action looking to the establishing of an orphans' home west of the Mississippi river; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of Kansas views with approval this advance step, and promises its hearty support.

On motion, it was decided that at the adjournment of the Sunday evening service Synod adjourn until the third Wednesday in October, 1899.

Absentees.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses report that communications have been received from the following brethren, giving reasons for absence during the entire meeting, viz.: Revs. A. J. Hartsock, J. H. Stough,

Ph. D., G. A. Bowers, D. D., W. M. Sparr, Samuel Palmer, L. C. Groseclose, A. M. Geiger, D. D., J. B. Umberger, A. B. Kirtland, J. B. McAfee, B. F. Hills, S. Henry, Jonas Freet, E. F. Peck, Jacob Schaurer, Geo. C. Cromer, J. O. Lowe, D. Scholl, J. F. Sehner, Paul Tonsing, and Messrs. Wm. Dannevik and E. F. Michley. Also excuses for absence from part of the meeting from Messrs. J. E. Brewer, Ed. Worthington and J. H. Berlin. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

We notice also that the following clergymen are absent without excuses: Henry Heigerd, W. F. Rentz, Geo. Sanderson, S. C. Chatham, P. J. Spraker. We recommend that the rule of Synod be applied by the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. REITZEL,
M. D. BERG,
JOHN GAMBER.

Adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. I. B. Heisey.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

The subject for the evening was Education. Rev. J. M. Cromer delivered an eloquent and instructive address.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

SUNDAY, 7 : 30 P. M.

The President of Synod, Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., preached the sermon, after which Revs. E. E. Stauffer and D. H. Cramer were set apart for the Gospel ministry, and Rev. Wm. E. Brehm was publicly received as a member of Synod.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Secretary.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SATURDAY, 5 : 30 P. M.

After the newly-elected members had legally qualified as trustees, a meeting was held. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. J. F. Seibert; Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Brewer.

There was no business of importance demanding the attention of the Board, and hence, after adopting a resolution to publish an account of this official action in the minutes of Synod, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1898, 11:30 A. M.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., led in prayer.

Report of Examining Committee.

1. There have appeared before your Committee as applicants for ordination Revs. E. E. Stauffer and D. H. Cramer. These young men graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in June last. The former is now located as pastor at Wellington and Perth, and the latter at Greenleaf and Barnes. We have carefully inquired into the fitness and preparation of these brethren for our ministry. Their sermons and reports of ministerial acts have been examined, and we are satisfied as to their qualifications for the holy office they desire to enter. We recommend them for ordination to the Gospel ministry at this meeting of Synod.

2. An application from Rev. W. E. Brehm, of Lawrence, Kansas, for admission to membership in this Synod, accompanied by a letter of honorable dismission from the Congregational Church. Brother Brehm was raised in the Lutheran Church, and from force of circumstances entered upon the work of the ministry in a sister denomination, and at the first favorable moment returns to the Church of his choice. After a very thorough questioning, your Committee is persuaded that the purest and best motives actuated the applicant in this step, and we find him in doctrine and church polity in full accord with our Lutheran view and practice. We recommend the reception of brother Brehm.

3. Rev. J. A. McCulloch, a graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, and pastor of our church at Salina, Kansas, asks to have his license extended until the meeting of the Synod of Northern Illinois, which convenes October 26-31, 1898. It is a requirement of this last-named Synod that its beneficiary students receive ordination from that body, and as Brother McCulloch was aided by that Synod he desires to comply with its rules.

We recommend that the request of Brother McCulloch be granted, and that he receive a certificate from the Chairman of this Committee recommending him to the Synod of Northern Illinois for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
J. M. CROMER,
H. C. HAITHCOX.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Secretary.*

ADDRESSES AND SERMONS.

Wednesday Evening—Synodical Sermon—Rev. A. E. Wagner.

Thursday Evening—Anniversary of the W. H. and F. M. Society.

Friday Evening—Addresses on Church Extension and Foreign Missions—Revs. J. F. Seibert and L. S. Keyser.

Saturday Evening—Address on Education—Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Sunday Morning—Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Sunday Evening—Ordination Sermon—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Morning—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Evening—Rev. Edw. P. Schueler.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Morning—Rev. A. E. Wagner.

Evening—Rev. L. S. Keyser.

BAPTIST.

Morning—Rev. J. A. McCulloch

Evening—Rev. R. B. Wolf.

CHRISTIAN.

Morning—Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

Evening—Rev. B. F. Pugh.

EVANGELICAL.

Morning—Rev. R. B. Whitehill.

Evening—Rev. I. B. Heisey.

AVENUE F METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Morning—Rev. E. E. Stauffer.

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. J. A. Bright.

REFORMATORY.

Sunday-School—Rev. J. A. Bright.

Chapel—Revs. J. M. Cromer and L. S. Keyser.

EMPORIA, LUTHERAN.

Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.,

COUNTY.

Rev. Maurice Berg.

APPENDIX A.—Report of the Treasurer

Congregations and Charges.	General Synod Treasury	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education
Abilene, Trinity	$3 96	$19 80	$49 50	$37 62	$37 62	$22 23	$23 76
Atchison, St. Mark's	2 00	10 00	25 00	19 00	19 00	20 00	12 00
Banner City, Mt. Zion	...	...	3 12	6 07	2 05	...	...
Banner City, St. James	...	...	2 81	8 69	2 88	1 76	...
Barnes, Messiah	...	...	7 50	5 35	3 00	...	...
Barnes, Trinity, Greenleaf	...	...	5 60	3 65	3 65	...	1 41
Beloit, Zion	...	...	20 75	10 10	5 00	7 55	2 00
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	70	3 00	7 20	5 00	3 00	2 54	4 20
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	74	3 70	11 25	9 03	2 49	2 00	4 00
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	...	...	3 19	6 93	83	1 10	...
Chapman, Ebenezer	...	...	2 73	5 00	1 05	1 18	...
East Norway, English Lutheran	2 50	9 26	22 25	20 20	16 91	14 51	15 68
Emporia, St. Mark's	2 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	8 60	10 00
Eureka, Christ's	1 30	4 50	12 52	9 67	8 73	3 58	7 80
Effingham, First Lutheran	...	...	10 50	...	...	...	3 66
Effingham, St. Paul's (V. F.)	...	...	7 61	...	2 25	...	2 70
Glasco, German-English	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	...
Hays City, Trinity	1 10	5 50	14 11	4 38	10 45	4 48	5 88
Hutchinson, Zion's	...	...	10 89	9 88	5 27	6 13	1 61
Hanover	1 00	2 00	20 02	20 25	15 65	2 82	1 00
Jerico, Bethel	...	1 00	5 10	5 00	4 45	2 20	1 00
Jerico, St. James'	...	...	1 75	2 65	...	50	50
Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran	5 00	25 00	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial	1 96	9 80	24 50	28 62	18 62	9 80	11 76
Lawrence, English Lutheran	2 30	...	24 25	19 91	40 57	9 70	11 64
Leavenworth, English Lutheran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	...	...	4 94	10 83	8 44	...	3 75
Minneapolis, St. John's	1 00	1 50	1 83	8 26	2 15	...	...
Morrill, St. Paul's	...	1 00	...	2 31	...	2 50	2 50
New Cambria, New Cambria	84	4 20	76	...	...	...	...
New Cambria, St Paul's	80	4 00	4 00	...	...	...	3 65
Norcatur, St. Mark's	64	1 00	3 00	...	...	...	...
Norcatur, St. Paul's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ottawa, St. Paul's	94	4 70	12 00	6 00	8 95	1 35	5 64
Ottawa, Garnett	...	...	5 23	7 97	5 65	...	3 00
Peabody, St. Paul's	3 20	16 00	43 53	30 51	37 90	16 00	19 20
Salina, St. John's	2 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	10 04	7 35	10 00
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	1 58	7 90	20 07	16 68	15 50	7 90	9 48
St. Joseph, Mo., First Lutheran	1 25	8 20	39 99	16 80	16 80	8 20	...
Topeka, English Lutheran	3 00	11 00	48 25	15 67	28 31	10 00	1 95
Vinlard, St. John's	...	...	...	4 00	4 60	...	...
Waterville, Waterville	1 66	8 30	20 75	10 00	3 27	8 30	11 21
Waterville, Hebron	44	2 20	5 50	4 18	4 18	2 20	2 64
Wellington, St. John's	90	4 50	11 50	15 40	8 55	4 50	5 40
Wellington, St. James' (First)	86	4 30	12 30	16 40	8 17	4 30	5 16
Whitewater, Zion's	1 15	5 60	14 00	10 64	10 65	5 60	6 75
Totals by Congregations	$44 82	190 96	561 87	431 55	386 63	198 88	210 93
Individual Contributions.							
Clutz, Dr. J. A., from Friends East	...	...	...	...	...	...	50 00
Hoffer, W. G.	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 50
Scholl, Rev. D.	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...
Palmer, Rev. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Albert, Dr. C. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barnitz, Dr. S. B.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* For Dr. Day Pictures. † For Cleveland Mission, $1.00; For Endowment

‖ For Rev. John Bond, Glasco, Kans., $7.25; For German Theological

of Kansas Synod, for the Year Ending October 18, 1898.

Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Homes for Aged	Total Paid on Apportionment	Amount Apportioned	Excess over Apportionment	Deficit under Apportionment	Midland College	Jerico, Mo., Mission	Miscellaneous	Grand Total
$12 80	$9 90	$6 93	$9 90	$241 02	$238 59	$2 43		$4 08			$245 10
10 00	5 38	3 50	5 20	131 08	120 50	10 58		5 80			136 88
	4 02			15 26	28 92		$13 66			*$4 00	19 26
	4 79			20 93	57 84		36 91			*2 00	22 93
	1 50		1 50	18 85	36 15		17 30				18 85
	1 75		1 75	17 81	42 18		24 37				17 81
2 00	3 60		2 40	53 49	86 76		33 36			†4 00	57 40
				25 64	42 18		16 54	1 00			26 64
				33 21	44 59		11 38				33 21
	1 35			13 40	32 54		19 14			*2 00	15 40
	4 68			14 84	39 77		24 93				14 84
8 90	4 45	3 12	4 45	122 23	107 25	14 98		6 50			128 73
2 00	4 30	3 00	2 80	66 70	103 63		36 93				66 70
	3 25	1 42		52 77	78 33		25 56			‡3 00	55 77
				14 25	61 46		47 21				14 25
				12 56	60 26		47 70				12 56
				§2 00							2 00
	2 12	1 00	1 00	50 02	66 28		16 26				50 02
	2 00			35 78	62 66		26 88				35 78
3 00	1 00	2 00		§68 72						‖13 00	81 72
1 01	1 15			20 91	40 97		20 06				20 91
40	34			6 14	34 95		28 81				6 14
	10 00	8 75		48 75	301 25		252 50				48 75
9 80	9 90	3 43	4 90	133 09	118 09	15 00					133 09
	8 52			116 89	116 88	01		4 66			121 55
				50 61	50 61		50 61				
	4 33			32 29	69 89		37 60				32 29
				14 74	59 05		44 31				14 74
				8 31	50 61		42 30				8 31
				5 80	50 61		44 81				5 80
				12 45	48 20		35 75				12 45
	1 00			5 64	38 56		32 92				5 64
					32 54		32 54				
	2 45	1 65	2 35	46 03	56 64		10 61				46 03
	2 20	1 30	1 35	26 00	44 59		18 59				26 00
16 00	11 50	5 60	8 00	207 44	192 80	14 64			$12 25		219 69
5 00	9 77	2 00	3 15	78 31	184 37		106 06				78 31
7 90	3 95	2 77	3 95	97 08	95 20	1 88					97 08
7 30	4 10			102 64	110 86		8 22				102 64
4 00		2 00	2 00	126 18	232 57		106 39				126 18
				8 60	30 13		21 53				8 60
2 00	4 17	1 00	1 30	71 96	100 02		28 06				71 96
2 20	7 55	77	67	32 53	26 51	6 02					32 53
4 50	2 25	1 58	2 25	61 33	54 23	7 10					61 33
4 30	2 15	1 57	2 15	61 66	51 82	9 84					61 66
5 00	2 80	1 96	2 80	67 55	67 48	07		1 20		¶13 62	82 37
115 71	142 22	$55 35	$63 87	$2402 79	$3369 32	$82 55	$1319 80	$23 24	$12 25	$41 62	$2479 90
											50 00
											22 50
											1 00
1 00											1 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00

German Chair Midland College, $3.00.
Seminary, Chicago, Ill., $5.75.

‡ For African Special. § Not Apportioned.
¶ For African Emergency.

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Congregations and Charges.	General Synod Treasury	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education
Selbert, Rev. J. F.							
Cromer, Rev. J. M.							
Stough, Dr. J. H.							
Geiger, Dr. A. M.							
Shirar, J. R.							
Burtis, J. P.							
Koogle, Rev. H. A.							
Berg, Rev. Maurice							
Hamstein, T. B.							
Zimmerman, Rev. H.							
Acker, Rev. H.							
Kistler, Rev. B. F.							
Heisey, Rev. I. B.							
Elliott, W. H.							
Pugh, Rev. B. F.							
Schueler, Rev. E. P.							
Altman, Dr. F. D.							
Wulff, Mrs. Arnett							
Drogemiller, W.							
Sponseller, Rev. J. F.							
Wagner, Rev. A. E.							
Hasthcox, Dr. H. C.							
Paetznick, Rev. Julius							
Selig, A. L.	$20 50	$1 00	$13 00	$3 00	$3 00	$3 00	$3 00
Lowe, Rev. J. A.		1 00					
Sunday-school near Sabetha							
Total contributions	$45 32	193 96	574 87	434 55	389 63	201 68	286 43
Balances from Treasurer Selig	6 90	98 71		71 64	46 68	31 43	76 24
Grand Totals	$52 22	292 67	574 87	506 19	436 31	233 31	362 67
Disbursed		230 97	500 00	425 00	350 00	210 00	250 00
Balance on hand	$52 22	$61 70	$74 87	$81 19	$86 31	$23 31	112 67

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Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Home for Aged	Total Paid on Apportionment	Amount Apportioned	Excess over Apportionment	Deficit under Apportionment	Midland College	Jerico, Mo., Mission	Miscellaneous	Grand Total
									$5 00		$5 00
									3 00		3 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									2 50		2 50
									2 00		2 00
									2 50		2 50
									5 00		5 00
									1 00		1 00
									1 00		1 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
										*$5 00	5 00
										*5 00	5 00
									3 00		3 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
									5 00		5 00
$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00					$4 50			35 00
											1 00
	1 73										1 73
117 71	144 95	$56 35	$64 87					$27 74	107 25	$51 62	$2697 13
17 63	24 13	18 27	7 10								398 73
135 34	169 08	$74 62	$71 97					$27 74	107 25	$51 62	$3095 86
100 00	100 00	25 00	50 00					23 24	107 25	51 62	2423 08
$35 34	$69 08	$49 62	$21 97					$4 50			$672 78

* For the German Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Abilene, H. C. Hallbcox, D. D.	Trinity	1	..	2	..	20	1	9	....	7	9	3	14	1	215	$12000 00	$500 00	$2401 67	1
Atchison, L. S. Keyser	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	19	1	5	3	3	5	6	13	10	125	10000 00	2000 00	1415 90	2
Banner City, Vacant	Mt. Zion	1	..	1	1	....	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	..	21	20 00	.....	125 00	3
	St. James'	1	..	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	1	..	49	1500 00	.....	236 00	4
Barnes and Greenleaf, D. H. Cramer	Messiah	1	..	2	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	30	1500 00	200 00	277 97	5
	Trinity	1	..	1	..	....	1	....	....	....	1	1	1	..	37	2000 00	.....	392 25	6
Beloit, Paul G. Tonsing	Zion's Evan. Luth	1	2	2	..	10	..	....	10	..	1	10	....	..	73	3000 00	.....	410 00	7
Bunker Hill, B. F. Kistler	Mt. Zion	1	..	1	..	10	1	5	1	1	1	2	1	..	32	2000 00	400 00	243 96	8
	Excelsior	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	3	1	....	....	..	..	34	1800 00	.....	2016 61	9
Chapman, Vacant	Ebenezer	1	..	..	1	....	1	2	2	1	....	....	....	..	28	2000 00	.....	157 00	10
	Scherer Memorial	1	..	2	1	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	..	24	1000 00	800 00	213 00	11
Effingham, Vacant	First Lutheran, Effingham	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	51	2000 00	.....	.....	12
	St. Paul's, Valley Falls	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	..	42	4000 00	1800 00	177 81	13
Ellsworth	St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	14
	Trinity	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	15
Emporia, Vacant	St. Mark's	1	1	2	..	26	....	4	30	6	2	6	....	..	60	13500 00	2800 00	1063 85	16
East Norway, J. A. Clutz, D. D.	Evan. Lutheran	1	..	..	..	10	1	....	....	7	....	6	1	..	95	3000 00	.....	300 40	17
Eureka, R. E. Wolf	Christ	1	..	2	..	10	1	....	....	1	....	2	2	..	68	4000 00	.....	1256 79	18
Hays City, Vacant	Trinity	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	55	2250 00	500 00	.....	19
Hutchinson, A. M. Reitzel	Zion	1	..	2	..	10	1	7	....	2	....	....	12	..	56	4500 00	2100 00	552 97	20
* Hanover, Julius Paetznick		..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	21

* Churches not in connection with Synod, served by members of Synod.

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Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	25	188	$153 78	$75 00	20	$32 00	.....	$3 96	$19 80	$49 50	$37 62	$37 62	$22 23	$23 76	$57 48	$19 80	$9 90	$1 93	$9 90	$7 08	$300 58	$2705 29
2	1	18	159	192 19	25 99	68	19 75	$3 11	2 00	10 00	25 00	19 00	19 00	20 00	12 00	39 05	10 00	5 38	3 50	5 20	3 11	173 24	1589 14
3	1	10	40	18 00	10 21	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 12	10 07	2 05	.....	.....	..	.....	4 02	...	.....	.....	19 26	144 26
4	1	11	69	20 00	20 70	25	30 00	.....	.....	...	2 81	8 72	2 88	1 78	.....	.....	.....	4 79	.....	.....	.....	20 98	256 98
5	1	10	60	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	..	.....	7 50	5 35	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50	...	18 85	286 82
6	1	10	90	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 60	3 65	3 65	.....	1 41	.....	.....	1 75	.....	1 75	.....	17 81	410 06
7	1	12	50	25 00	5 00	16	16 00	.....	.....	.....	20 75	10 10	5 00	7 50	2 00	.....	2 00	3 60	...	2 40	19 00	72 35	482 35
8	1	7	65	28 43	8 41	.	.....	.....	70	3 00	7 20	5 00	3 00	2 54	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 64	269 60
9	1	9	80	50 68	5 63	....	.....	.....	74	3 70	9 25	7 03	7 03	3 70	4 44	.....	3 70	1 85	1 30	47	.....	43 21	2059 82
10	1	8	37	9 00	8 56	....	.....	.....	. .	.....	2 73	5 20	1 05	1 18	.....	.....	.....	4 68	.....	.....	.....	14 84	171 84
11	1	12	72	30 00	8 94	22	10 00	.....	.....	.....	3 19	8 93	83	1 10	.....	.....	.....	1 35	....	.....	.....	15 40	228 40
12	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	10 50	.....	.....	.....	3 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 25	14 25
13	1	12	54	20 35	5 62	23	37 22	.....	.....	.....	7 61	.....	2 25	.....	2 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 55	197 44
14	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	1	14	80	80 23	.....	12	.....	.....	2 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	10 00	35 88	2 00	4 30	3 00	2 80	34 08	103 58	1167 43
17	1	10	50	10 17	16 52	..	.....	.....	2 50	9 26	22 25	20 20	16 91	14 51	15 48	33 70	8 90	4 45	3 12	4 45	3 25	159 18	519 58
18	1	7	68	75 00	34 17	20	.....	.....	1 30	4 50	12 52	12 67	8 73	3 58	7 80	29 35	.....	3 25	1 42	.....	.....	85 12	1340 91
19	1	14	125	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 10	5 50	14 11	4 38	10 45	4 48	5 88	..	.....	2 12	1 00	1 00	.....	50 02	50 02
20	1	12	117	27 69	1 88	24	20 00	.....	.....	.....	10 94	9 88	5 27	6 13	1 61	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	35 83	688 80
21	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	20 00	20 25	15 65	2 82	*48 75	.....	3 00	1 00	2 00	.....	7 25	123 72	123 72

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Jerico, J. J. Chambers	Bethel	1	..	1	..	....	1	....	....	2	2	3	3	..	41	$20 00	.....	$131 81	22
	St. James'	1	..	..	..	6	....	....	..	6	....	1	....	..	30	500 00	.....	188 50	23
Kansas City, J. M. Cromer	First Lutheran	1	..	..	2	10	....	8	16	20	2	3	19	..	250	58000 00	$18500 00	3703 35	24
Kansas City, Edw. P. Schueler	Children's Memorial	1	..	..	2	..	16	....	8	....	15	7	11	6	1	115	20000 00	5000 00	1291 46	25
Lawrence, Wm. E. Brehm	English Lutheran	1	..	..	2	..	26	1	....	4	13	15	6	7	11	131	3000 00	150 00	833 00	26
Leavenworth, J. W. Kimmel	1st Eng. Lutheran	1	..	..	2	..	10	....	1	10	15	9	21	1	..	62	10000 00	4000 00	1350 00	27
Minneapolis, Vacant	St. Paul's	1	..	..	2	1	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	..	57	2700 00	700 00	189 00	28
	St. John's	..	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	..	52	.....	.....	.....	29
	Grace	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	30
Morrill, Vacant	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	....	1	10	7	....	....	....	....	..	24	2500 00	.....	365 25	31
New Cambria, Vacant	New Cambria	1	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	17	2	....	....	....	..	25	4000 00	.....	110 00	32
Norcatur, Jonas Freet	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	....	1	....	....	3	....	1	1	..	41	1000 00	.....	80 00	33
	St. Mark's	1	1	1	..	11	....	....	....	6	3	1	1	....	..	28	2400 00	700 00	700 00	34
Ottawa, B. F. Pugh	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	8	..	....	....	4	2	....	3	....	..	26	1200 00	300 00	100 00	35
	St. Paul's, Ottawa	1	..	1	..	4	....	3	10	....	....	....	....	....	..	34	3600 00	375 00	401 00	36
	St. Paul's, Garnett	1	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	37	4700 00	.....	.....	37
Peabody, Vacant	St. Paul's	1	..	2	..	....	2	7	10	3	2	8	4	..	155	5500 00	.....	900 71	38
*Glasco, E. F. A. Hantel	St. Paul's, Ev. Luth.	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	39
Salina, John A. McCulloch	St. John's	1	..	2	..	9	2	5	....	6	..	9	....	....	155	10000 00	500 00	1847 93	40
Sedalia, John F. Seibert	Trinity	1	..	2	1	27	4	....	10	13	2	3	4	16	90	7000 00	3800 00	1563 00	41
St. Joseph, Vacant	1st Eng. Lutheran	1	..	1	..	16	....	4	3	10	....	27	1	..	113	15000 00	6500 00	1200 00	42
Topeka, A. E. Wagner	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	11	1	3	....	3	5	5	1	..	209	15000 00	.....	2332 53	43
Vinland, Vacant	St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	25	1500 00	.....	.....	44

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22	..	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	$5 10	$5 00	$4 45	$2 20	$1 00	.....	$1 01	$1 15	.....	.....	.....	$20 91	$152 72
23	1	6	40	$4 50	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	2 65	.....	50	50	.....	40	31	.....	.....	.....	6 14	194 64
24	1	30	185	250 00	$18 75	...	.....	.....	$5 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$30 00	.....	10 00	$8 75	.....	.....	78 75	3882 40
25	1	15	130	189 98	44 92	30	$5 00	$4 14	1 96	9 80	24 50	28 62	18 62	9 80	11 76	32 91	9 80	9 90	3 43	$4 90	$4 65	170 65	1462 11
26	1	23	150	149 25	25 14	41	25 00	2 00	2 30	.....	24 25	19 91	40 57	9 70	11 64	21 10	.....	8 52	.....	.....	.....	137 99	920 99
27	1	10	110	65 00	.....	30	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1350 00
28	1	10	50	30 00	30 07	40	5 00	.....	.....	.....	6 77	19 00	10 50	.....	3 75	.....	.....	4 33	.....	.....	.....	44 93	233 93
29	1	4	40	35 00	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	1 50	1 83	8 26	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 74	14 74
30	..	..	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	1	14	70	30 80	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 31	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 65	13 96	379 21
32	1	12	100	60 00	.....	15	.....	3 50	60	1 00	60	60	60	79	79	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 79	115 79
33	1	7	41	10 00	1 25	25	.....	1 50	1 40	2 00	1 40	1 40	1 40	1 21	1 30	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 21	91 21
34	1	10	58	35 00	10 00	...	.....	.....	64	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 64	704 64
35	..	..	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	101 00
36	1	9	51	35 10	22 55	17	51 78	.....	94	4 70	12 00	6 00	8 95	1 35	5 64	24 50	.....	2 45	1 65	2 35	.....	70 53	471 53
37	1	6	50	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 23	7 27	5 65	.....	3 00	.....	.....	2 20	1 30	1 35	.....	26 00	26 00
38	1	15	80	48 71	53 40	25	20 00	12 25	3 20	16 00	43 53	30 51	37 90	16 00	19 20	128 40	16 00	11 50	5 60	8 00	12 25	348 09	1248 80
39	..	..	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	..	3 12	*21 52	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	36 4	36 64
40	1	20	130	108 25	28 15	35	1 90	7 00	2 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	10 04	7 35	10 00	49 96	5 00	9 77	2 00	3 15	.....	128 27	1976 29
41	1	17	108	241 80	66 53	30	86 00	.....	1 58	7 90	20 07	16 08	15 50	7 90	9 48	.....	7 90	3 95	2 77	3 95	.....	97 08	1600 08
42	1	12	100	.....	25 00	35	70 00	.....	1 25	8 20	21 30	16 80	16 80	8 20	.....	.....	7 30	4 10	.....	.....	.....	83 95	1283 95
43	1	22	135	77 82	63 33	51	8 00	7 00	3 00	10 00	48 25	15 67	28 31	10 00	1 95	46 80	4 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	177 98	2510 51
44	1	7	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	8 00

*$15.25 paid to Chicago German Theological Seminary.

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Pastors' Names and Addresses	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Waterville, I. B. Heisey	Ev. Lu., Waterville	1	2	1	3	22	....	....	....	4	....	4	2	4	93	$4000 00	$400 00	$450 00	45
	Hebron	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	1	....	3	1	2	28	2500 00	300 00	150 00	46
Wellington, E. E. Stauffer	St. John's	1	..	1	..	7	1	....	....	5	....	....	1	..	45	5000 00	500 00	280 00	47
	St. James'	1	..	1	..	8	....	1	....	4	....	....	2	4	48	1500 00	.....	265 00	48
Whitewater, Maurice D. Berg	Zion	1	..	2	..	11	1	3	....	2	2	9	10	2	75	2100 00	200 00	855 25	49
Totals, Oct., 1898		43	7	48	9	317	25	91	151	164	67	159	109	51	3077	$253390 00	54525 00	$30721 37	50
Totals, Oct., 1897		43	9	51	2	297	22	118	226	117	41	161	107	21	2933	247900 00	54885 00	29171 08	51
Increase		..	..	..	7	20	3	....	....	47	26	2	2	30	144	$5490 00	.....	$1550 29	52
Decrease		..	2	3	..	....	....	27	73	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	$360 00	.....	53
* Glasco, E. F. A. Hantel	St. Paul's Ev. Lu.	1	..	..	..	6	2	....	1	7	....	....	....	..	102	4100 00	400 00	1114 00	54
* Hanover, Julius Paetznick	Zion's Evan. Luth	1	..	1	..	10	1		....	14	....	12	....	8	180	6000 00	100 00	575 00	55

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45	1	15	121	$41 11	$9 50	40	.....	.....	$1 66	$8 30	$20 75	$10 00	$4 52	$8 30	$3 98	$22 10	$2 00	$4 17	$1 00	$1 00	.....	$87 76	$537 76
46	1	6	35	.....	7 55	....	.....	....	44	2 20	5 50	4 18	4 18	2 20	2 64	26 10	2 20	7 55	77	67	.....	60 63	210 63
47	1	7	54	15 25	15 73	16	$8 00	.....	86	4 30	11 50	15 40	8 55	4 50	5 40	.....	4 50	2 25	1 58	2 25	$23 00	84 09	364 09
48	1	9	87	23 00	14 55	....	.....	.....	86	4 30	12 30	16 40	8 17	4 30	5 16	.....	4 30	2 15	1 57	2 15	27 00	88 66	353 66
49	1	17	125	50 00	.....	48	4 25	$1 00	1 15	5 60	14 00	24 26	10 65	5 60	6 75	32 30	5 60	2 80	1 96	2 80	1 20	114 67	969 92
50	41	504	3504	2044 17	$654 75	728	$469 90	$41 50	45 32	175 56	574 87	431 55	386 63	198 88	210 93	612 66	115 71	142 22	55 35	63 87	163 83	3150 70	33968 39
51	42	578	3282	1948 97	580 54	808	1349 39	144 15	39 56	190 90	569 63	336 10	371 05	233 37	280 69	534 98	95 29	130 17	46 93	34 59	.....	3076 83	33171 32
52	....	....	224	$95 20	$74 21	....	.....	.....	$5 72	.....	$5 24	$84 45	$15 58	.....	.....	$77 68	$20 42	$12 05	$8 42	29 28	.....	$73 87	$797 07
53	1	74	.....	.....	.....	80	$879 49	$92 65	.....	$15 40	.....	.....	.....	$34 49	$79 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
54	1	13	80	84 52	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	3 12	21 52	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	36 64	1150 64
55	1	8	85	35 00	2 85	30	25 00	.....	1 00	2 00	20 00	20 25	15 65	2 82	48 75	.....	3 00	1 00	2 00	.....	7 25	123 72	698 72

APPENDIX C.—Apportionment Table for 1898-1899.

Congregations and Charges.	Membership.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Total
Per capita	....	02	10	25	19	19	20	13	10	05	035	05	1 315
Abilene, Trinity	215	$4 30	$21 50	$53 75	$40 85	$40 85	$43 00	$27 95	$21 50	$10 75	$7 52	$10 75	$282 72
Atchison, St. Mark's	125	2 50	12 50	31 25	23 75	23 75	25 00	16 25	12 50	6 25	4 38	6 25	164 38
Banner City, Mt. Zion	21	42	2 10	5 25	3 99	3 99	4 20	2 73	2 10	1 05	73	1 05	27 61
Banner City, St. James'	49	98	4 90	12 25	9 31	9 31	9 80	6 37	4 90	2 45	1 72	2 45	64 44
Barnes, Messiah	30	60	3 00	7 50	5 70	5 70	6 00	3 90	3 00	1 50	1 05	1 50	39 45
Barnes (Greenleaf) Trinity	37	74	3 70	9 25	7 03	7 03	7 40	4 81	3 70	1 85	1 30	1 85	48 66
Beloit, Zion's	73	1 46	7 30	18 25	13 87	13 87	14 60	9 49	7 30	3 65	2 56	3 65	96 00
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion's	32	64	3 20	8 00	6 08	6 08	6 40	4 16	3 20	1 60	1 12	1 60	42 08
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	34	68	3 40	8 50	6 46	6 46	6 80	4 42	3 40	1 70	1 19	1 70	44 71
Chapman, Ebenezer	28	56	2 80	7 00	5 32	5 32	5 60	3 64	2 80	1 40	98	1 40	36 82
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	24	48	2 40	6 00	4 56	4 56	4 80	3 12	2 40	1 20	84	1 20	31 56
Effingham, First Lutheran	51	1 02	5 10	12 75	9 69	9 69	10 20	6 63	5 10	2 55	1 79	2 55	67 07
Effingham, Valley Falls, St. Paul's	42	84	4 20	10 50	7 98	7 98	8 40	5 46	4 20	2 10	1 47	2 10	55 23
Ellsworth, St. Paul's													
Ellsworth, Trinity													
Emporia, St. Mark's	60	1 20	6 00	15 00	11 40	11 40	12 00	7 80	6 00	3 00	2 10	3 00	78 90
East Norway, Ev. Lutheran	95	1 90	9 50	23 75	18 05	18 05	19 00	12 35	9 50	4 75	3 33	4 75	124 93
Eureka, Christ's	68	1 36	6 80	17 00	12 90	12 90	13 60	8 84	6 80	3 40	2 38	3 40	89 42
Glasco, St. Paul's	102	2 04	10 20	25 50	19 38	19 38	20 40	13 26	10 20	5 10	3 57	5 10	134 13
Hays City, Trinity	55	1 10	5 50	13 75	10 45	10 45	11 00	7 15	5 50	2 75	1 93	2 75	72 33
Hanover, Zion's	180	3 60	18 00	45 00	34 20	34 20	36 00	23 40	18 00	9 00	6 30	9 00	236 70
Hutchinson, Zion's	56	1 12	5 60	14 00	10 64	10 64	11 20	7 28	5 60	2 80	1 96	2 80	73 64
Jerico, Bethel	41	82	4 10	10 25	7 79	7 79	8 20	5 33	4 10	2 05	1 44	2 05	53 92
Jerico, St. James'	30	60	3 00	7 50	5 70	5 70	6 00	3 90	3 00	1 50	1 05	1 50	39 45
Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran	250	5 00	25 00	62 50	47 50	47 50	50 00	32 50	25 00	12 50	8 75	12 50	328 75
Kansas City, Mo., Child'n's Mem	115	2 30	11 50	28 75	21 85	21 85	23 00	14 95	11 50	5 75	4 02	5 75	151 23

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Per capita	....	02	10	25	19	19	20	13	10	05	035	05	1 315
Lawrence, English Lutheran	131	$2 62	$13 10	$32 75	$24 89	$24 89	$26 20	$17 03	$13 10	$6 55	$4 59	$6 55	$172 27
Leavenworth, First Eng. Luth	62	1 24	6 20	15 50	11 78	11 78	12 40	8 06	6 20	3 10	2 17	3 10	81 53
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	57	1 14	5 70	14 25	10 83	10 83	11 40	7 41	5 70	2 85	1 99	2 85	74 95
Minneapolis, St. John's	51	1 04	5 20	13 00	9 88	9 88	10 40	6 76	5 20	2 60	1 82	2 60	68 38
Minneapolis, Grace													
Morrill, St. Paul's	23	48	2 40	6 00	4 56	4 56	4 80	3 12	2 40	1 20	84	1 20	31 56
New Cambria, New Cambria	25	50	2 50	6 25	4 75	4 75	5 00	3 25	2 50	1 25	88	1 25	32 82
New Cambria, St. Paul's	41	82	4 10	10 25	7 79	7 79	8 20	5 33	4 10	2 05	1 44	2 05	53 92
Norcatur, St. Mark's	28	56	2 80	7 00	5 32	5 32	5 60	3 64	2 80	1 40	98	1 40	36 82
Norcatur (Oberlin), St. Paul's	26	52	2 60	6 50	4 94	4 94	5 20	3 38	2 60	1 30	91	1 30	34 19
Ottawa, St. Paul's	34	68	3 40	8 50	6 46	6 46	6 80	4 42	3 40	1 70	1 19	1 70	44 71
Ottawa (Garnett), St. Paul's	37	74	3 70	9 25	7 03	7 03	7 40	4 81	3 70	1 85	1 30	1 85	48 66
Peabody, St. Paul's	155	3 10	15 50	38 75	29 45	29 45	31 00	20 15	15 50	7 75	5 43	7 75	203 83
Salina, St. John's	155	3 10	15 50	38 75	29 45	29 45	31 00	20 15	15 50	7 75	5 43	7 75	203 83
Sedalia, Trinity	90	1 80	9 00	22 50	17 10	17 10	18 00	11 70	9 00	4 50	3 15	4 50	118 35
St. Joseph, First Eng. Luth	113	2 26	11 30	28 25	21 47	21 47	22 60	14 69	11 30	5 65	3 96	5 65	148 60
Topeka, First Lutheran	200	4 00	20 00	50 00	38 00	38 00	40 00	26 00	20 00	10 00	7 00	10 00	263 00
Vinland, St. John's	25	50	2 50	6 25	4 75	4 75	5 00	3 25	2 50	1 25	88	1 25	32 88
Waterville, Evan. Lutheran	93	1 86	9 30	23 25	17 67	17 67	18 60	12 09	9 30	4 65	3 26	4 65	122 30
Waterville, Hebron	28	56	2 80	7 00	5 32	5 32	5 60	3 64	2 80	1 40	98	1 40	36 82
Wellington, St. John's	45	90	4 50	11 25	8 55	8 55	9 00	5 85	4 50	2 25	1 58	2 25	59 18
Wellington, St. James'	48	96	4 80	12 00	9 12	9 12	9 60	6 24	4 80	2 40	1 68	2 40	63 12
Whitewater, Zion's	75	1 50	7 50	18 75	14 25	14 25	15 00	9 75	7 50	3 75	2 53	3 75	98 53

Respectfully submitted, B. F. KISTLER, E. E. STAUFFER, D. H. KRESKY.

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SYNODICAL SOCIETIES AND DATES OF ORGANIZATION.

Abilene	1880	Kansas City, Mo. (Memorial Church)	1884
Atchison	1885	Lawrence	1886
Barnes		Leavenworth	1892
Bunker Hill	1898	Minneapolis	1885
Denver	1885	New Cambria	1888
East Norway	1881	Ottawa	1885
Effingham	1893	Perth	1894
Emporia	1885	Peabody	1885
Eureka	1898	Salina	1880
Hebron	1879	Topeka	1881
Hutchinson	1889	Waterville	1879
Kansas City, Mo. (First Church)	1884	Whitewater	1889

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

KANSAS SYNOD,

CONVENED IN

Hutchinson, Kansas, October 20, 21, 1898.

FIRST SESSION.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Kansas Synod was held in the Christian church, Hutchinson, Kansas, Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21, 1898.

Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer, opened the first session. The subject was "Praise and Thanksgiving," and Psalms c. and cxvi. were read.

The business session was called to order by Mrs. Alice G. Bond, President. In the absence the Recording Secretary, Miss Josephine Maedel, was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Credentials were received and examined, and the following regularly-appointed delegates, officers and life members were enrolled:

Officers.

Mrs. Alice G. Bond. Mrs. A. M. Reitzel.
Mrs. J. B. Wherfel. Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer.
Mrs. O. J. Peters.

Life Members.

Mrs. Alice G. Bond. Mrs. J. B. Wherfel.

Delegates

Atchison—Mrs. L. S. Keyser.
Abilene—Mrs. H. L. Humphrey.
Emporia—Miss Emma Lepper.
Eureka—Mrs. Carrie E. Osman.
Hutchinson—Mrs. Nellie Ryde, Mrs. J. B. Chapman.
Kansas City—Miss Josephine Maedel.
Peabody—Mrs. G. S. Funk.
Perth—Mrs. L. C. Spangler.
Salina—Mrs. A. B. Kirtland.
Topeka—Mrs. H. W. McAfee.
Whitewater—Mrs. Maurice Berg.

President's Address

My Dear Co-Workers: The season of the Annual Convention is once more here, and we are again assembled to close yearly accounts and lay plans for the future. For the mercies and blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which have been ours during the past twelve months, gratitude and praise fill our hearts to-day, and we acknowledge a kind Heavenly Father's protecting love and care. He has spared our lives and enabled us to gather together here in this annual Convention. But not all are here, for some who met with us one year ago and helped to make our convention a success, are no more. By the removal from earthly scenes and labors of some of our co-workers, we are sadly reminded that life is short, and the period of human activity brief. To those who mourn the removal of loved ones from the home circle by death we extend sincere sympathy, and trust that severance of earthly ties and loves will but tend to strengthen heavenly hopes and desires, and that the knowledge of God as a Comforter in time of affliction may be indeed theirs.

Those of you who are delegates to this convention are familiar with the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, and know that we are laboring for both home and foreign missions. Our home work consists in building churches and assisting with the salaries of pastors. During the last few years no new churches have been built by the Woman's Missionary Society, as all efforts were required to finish the work already begun. But to-day we rejoice in pledges fulfilled and obligations met, and may now look forward to entering upon new fields of labor in the home land. The home mission field is one of vastness and importance, and all our efforts might well be expended upon the work to be done in our native land; but it has been deemed wiser to study the needs and demands of the foreign field in connection with the home, and divide our energies and gifts between the two, rather than concentrate them upon one phase and field

of mission work. We have, therefore, an equal interest in home and foreign missionary effort. The women of our Church have work in India and Africa only, it is true; but by reason of this work, limited as it is, we have learned much of what other women are doing in other fields, and have broadened our vision and gained a more accurate conception of what is meant by teaching all nations. It is cause for rejoicing that there are so many Christian people actively interested in mission work, and that so much has been accomplished in foreign lands; but also it is only a beginning, after all, for there are yet millions who have never heard of the Saviour.

In our special fields of labor in Guntur, India, and Muhlenberg, Africa, the work is prospering encouragingly. What remains of the unfinished work that assumed such huge proportions one year ago, is in connection with the work in India. Of the amount pledged to the hospital for finishing and furnishing, $1,021.71 yet remains to be paid. To contribute to the unfinished work is somewhat of a task to those who have felt they have done their duty, but it is the case in all kinds of work, that because some fail to do their whole duty others must perform a double portion, and so it falls to us equally with others to contribute to this object, even though we have given once or twice before. It is much to be regretted that the work laid out by the General Executive Committee should ever drag as this and some other of our special work has done. An indefinite or incomplete knowledge of the plans as presented by the General Executive Committee is presumably the cause of this failure to raise specified funds in a given time. To be fully posted is our duty as members of the General Society.

In a review of our Synodical work, encouraging progress may be noted. Two new organizations have been added to our list, one at Bunker Hill, the other at Eureka. These two societies are new organizations, though they may be said to have sprung from the ashes of the old. At Bunker Hill there was an organization many years ago, and there the women of the Kansas Synod gathered in their first convention. Although there has been no organization there for a number of years, yet the seed sown long ago has not ceased to bear fruit. This society has been the recipient annually of a generous offering to the cause of missions from one who was formerly connected with that organization, and who still retains sufficient interest in the work to aid the Synodical Society by her contributions. At Eureka there was formerly a very active and energetic auxiliary, but changes occasioned by death and removal to other places of residence depleted the ranks and discouraged the few remaining members so that they disbanded; but now, thanks be to God and a faithful pastor who is interested in mission work, the Eureka congregation has a most excellent society. At both these places the organizations were effected chiefly through the influence exerted by the pastor. We pause to record once more our appreciation of the aid and assistance rendered the cause of missions and the woman's organizations by the ministers of the Gospel. Without them our work can make but little progress, but with their co-operation continual advancement is possible.

There are several features of our work for the past year which are worthy of mention and commendation. I refer to the responses for special work, more particularly the appeal made last January for a special offering for the work in Africa. As your President, I was not only gratified that you responded so generously, but pleased exceedingly with the spirit manifested at that time. You gave willingly, gladly, freely and prayerfully. The society at Peabody made the most generous gift, and to them we accord unstinted praise. Loyal and true you all have been to every call and demand made upon you, and all deserve commendation.

But while in some particulars we have done well, in others we have shown negligence. This is especially true of the work among the young people. In this direction nothing seemingly is done in the majority of our congregations. If this condition continues to exist, who will take our places when we are gone or disabled? Is it not time to look at this question seriously, and determine to do something to educate and train our young people in missionary work? Through the Y. P. S. C. E., much may be done, and Children's Bands could easily be maintained if we only would.

ANNUAL THANK-OFFERING.

The annual thank-offering has not been as large a one as this society should make, which, perhaps, is due to negligence of leaders, certainly not to a thankless spirit. The November meeting in our auxiliaries should be and can be made the very best meeting of the year. The General Literature Committee has provided an excellent service for this year, copies of which should be secured and used. The use of the little mite-box is the best method I know of for collecting the thank-offering, if it is used all the time, and the pennies, nickles and dimes dropped in for special mercies enjoyed. It serves the double purpose of lifting the heart in gratitude to God in recognition of providential care, and of collecting funds for the thank-offering.

THE SUPPORT OF A BED IN INDIA HOSPITAL.

This is an object which will appeal to us from year to year, as it costs $50.00 per annum to keep one room, that is provide medicine and care for the sick. In order to secure this amount regularly and unfailingly, the General Executive Committee has asked each Synodical Society to contribute this amount annually. Much to my gratification, and I know to yours, we have raised this sum this year, and I recommend that the same sum be pledged for next year.

THE JUBILEE MEMORIAL FUND.

The next General Convention will be held in the spring of 1899, in Baltimore, Md. This will be the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the woman's missionary work in the General Synod. At the last General Convention, the General Treasurer suggested that, inasmuch as the Society observed its tenth anniversary by a thank-offering, so should it now celebrate the closing of another ten years' work by a similar effort, to be called a Memorial Thank-Offering. She had prepared, at her own expense, a card for the purpose of collecting small sums; the card, when full, representing the collection

or giving of $1.00. Each person is requested to fill one or more of these cards before next spring. Each delegate should take with her a sufficient supply for her Society. The Recording Secretary of each Society is requested to keep a record of all cards returned to her and enter the name of each member returning one on the "Roll of Honor for the Memorial Jubilee Fund." This money should be paid to the Recording Secretary, who will make a memorandum of it and hand it to the Auxiliary Treasurer. At the end of the quarter the money should be forwarded to the Synodical Treasurer, plainly specifying what it is, and she should hold it until the time for the meeting of the next General Convention. The delegate from the Synodical Society to General Convention will carry this money to the Convention as a thank-offering from this Society. If none of these cards have as yet been filled, let me urge you most earnestly to neglect them no longer. We want our thank-offering to be in a measure an expression of our gratitude for Christian privileges and civilization; a thank-offering for the mercies and blessings that are conferred upon humanity by the Gospel and the preached Word; for churches and Christian influence and environment; a thank-offering for the open Bible and the knowledge of the Saviour; for the privilege of doing mission work, and the success that has attended woman's efforts in this direction.

THE TITHE LEGION.

The interest of Christian people is being aroused by repeated discussions and written statements on the theme of tithe giving. It was discussed last year in our convention, and will be again discussed this year. The Tithe Legion cards will be distributed at this convention. They were recommended, as you know, at the last General Convention by the General Historian, and the plan suggested was adopted. These cards have a space for name, which is to be filled in by any person desiring to join the Legion and pledge herself to give a tenth of all that comes into her hands, as her own, to the Lord. These cards when signed are to be sent to the Synodical Historian; who will keep a list of all who join the Tithe Legion. This is the scriptural and right way, and it is time we were all awaking to the fact, and practicing systematic and proportionate giving. Let me urge you all to consider the subject prayerfully, and then follow your convictions by giving as the Lord has prospered you.

Before closing, I want to express once more my appreciation of the kindness shown me while I have been your President. The spirit of ready co-operation and kindly service manifested by the members of the Kansas Synodical Society is to be highly commended. Service with you and for you is a pleasure. I have endeavored by letter to thank you for the gift you made me, by presenting me with a certificate of Life Membership in the General Society, but I would once more repeat that it is a gift which I prize and esteem most highly, and for which I thank you heartily.

And now, dear Sisters, you are here as representatives of your societies, to do the work of this convention. Let none from timidity shirk a duty nor forget that she represents others. Let the devotional exercises receive your

interest and have your presence, and thus looking up to God for guidance prepare your hearts for service.

ALICE G. BOND, *President.*

Referred to committee.

Report of Southwest Conference.

Efforts to promote the interest of the societies of this conference in the general work of the Synodical society have been made by means of letters written to each society.

The box-work and the proper use of the tracts of the Literature Committee have been subjects for correspondence.

The Committee have written to every society in this conference, but no responses were received.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. B. WHERFEL,
Vice-President.

Report of Northeast Conference.

Commendable effort to promote activity, also to increase their membership, can be reported of the auxiliaries of this conference.

We regret the loss of one faithful band of workers, the Woman's Society of Effingham, which felt that local interests demanded its entire attention. Although inoperative as a missionary society, these good sisters have responded to certain special appeals, and doubtless, in the near future, they will feel free to renew their affiliations with the Synodical society.

No new organizations have been effected, but we feel encouraged to hope for the early enlistment of the young people and the children of still other congregations of this conference.

It did not seem practicable to hold a conference meeting during the year, consequently our intercourse with the societies has been confined to correspondence, which has been cheering, as all letters received from auxiliaries expressed a desire to do still more efficient work for the Master. So may it be during the new Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted, ELLA C. BEEGLE,
Vice-President.

Report of Box-Work Committee

The duty of directing the preparation of a box for a home missionary has been indeed pleasant. A hearty willingness on the part of our auxiliaries indicates their desire to minister to the comfort of our self-sacrificing home missionaries.

We feel grateful to the auxiliaries for their uniform readiness to contribute as solicited, without which co-operation the effort could not have succeeded. The blessing pronounced upon those who feed the hungry and clothe the naked will surely rest upon them.

Respectfully submitted, ELLA C. BEEGLE,
Chairman Box-Work Committee.

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary for the Year Ending October, 1898.

Location.	Organized	President.	Members. Active	Members. Honorary	Members. Life	Corresponding Secretary.	Average Attendance	Journals	Children's Missionary Journals.	Monthly Meetings.
1. Abilene	1880	Mrs. O. J. Peters	21	..	..	Miss Eva Haithcox	12	21	....	2d Tuesday.
2. Atchison	1885	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	12	1	2	Mrs. Ella C. Beegle	8	24	....	3d Saturday.
3. Denver, Colorado	1885	.....	....	..	..	Marie Mendel	....	14	...	3d Thursday.
4. East Norway	1881	Mrs. John Hoverson	16	..	..	Miss Corda Hoverson	16	11	....	1st Thursday.
5. Emporia	1885	Mrs. John Hoffer	16	..	..	Miss Emma Lepper	9	12	....	1st Wednesday.
6. Eureka	1898	Mrs. Julia B. Barger	17	..	..	Miss Mollie F. Smith	10	...	....	Last Wednesday.
7. Hebron	1879	Mrs. Sarah Kistler	11	2	..	Mrs. Laura E. Rice	5	8	...	2d Thursday.
8. Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. L. F. Landis	11	..	1	Mrs. Sophia Clark	6	8	....	1st Thursday.
9. Kansas City, First Church.	1884	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	12	..	2	Mrs. F. A. Pauschert	12	6	....	2d Thursday.
10. Kansas City, Memorial	1884	Mrs. J. M. Searles	10	2	..	Miss Hester Sappenfield	9	9	....	1st Thursday.
11. Lawrence	1886	Mrs. A. Monroe	14	3	..	Miss Belle Schell	7	10	....	2d Thursday.
12. Leavenworth	....	No report.								
13. Minneapolis	1885	Mrs. May Bardonnar	8	..	..	Mrs. Amy Wolcott	6	9	....	1st Wednesday.
14. Ottawa	1885	Mrs. A. G. Eggers	9	1	..	Mrs. Chas. E. Martin	6	10	...	1st Wednesday.
15. Peabody	1885	Mrs. Geo. Funk	26	..	..	Mrs. J. S. Schroeder	12	40	....	1st Wednesday.
16. Salina	1882	Mrs. Wm. Berg	17	7	2	Mrs. M. A. Nothstein	8	14	40	2d Thursday.
17. Topeka	1881	Mrs. S. A. Harmon	23	..	6	Mrs. S. H. Price	12	27	....	1st Thursday.
18. Waterville	1879	Mrs. I. B. Heisey	8	4	1	Miss F. S. Bancroft	6	5	....	2d Saturday.
19. Whitewater	1889	Mrs. M. Acker	10	..	..	Mrs. M. Berg	8	...	....	2d Wednesday.
19 Societies	....	Totals	241	20	14		....	228	40	

Report of Corresponding Secretary.—*Concluded.*

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Young People's Societies.										
1. Atchison ..... 1 Society.	1890	Miss Cynthia Blackburn.	9	..	..	Miss Lizzie Snell	5	...	....	2d Sunday.
Children's Mission Bands.										
1. Atchison	1891	Flossie Zimmerman	42	..	..	Mrs. H. L. Yarger	20	...	50	Every Sunday.
2. Lawrence	1890	Josephine Lohman	30	..	..	Minnie Wedlehoffer ..	15	...	....	1st Sunday.
3. Effingham	1892	Francis Herran	13	..	..	Pearl Davis	....	...	....	Alternate Sunday.
4. Emporia	1894	Ada E. Wilcox	30	..	..	Gussie Seward	11	...	....	2d Saturday.
4 Societies.		Total	115	..	..	.....	....	...	50	
Grand Total	....	24 Societies	365	20	14	399 members	....	228		

MRS. A. M. REITZEL,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending October, 1898.

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Societies and Bands.	Synodical Fee	Literature	General Fund	Thank Offering	Unfinished Work	India Pupil	Support of Bed in India Hospital	Sending two Lady Missionaries to Africa	Finishing and Furnishing Hospital in India	Ann Arbor	Total
Abilene	$2 00	$0 50	$24 00	$5 13	.....	.....	.....	$2 65	$5 00	.....	$39 28
Atchison	1 30	.....	14 60	4 00	$3 00	.....	$3 00	1 00	.....	.....	26 90
Barnes	.....	.....	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 20
Bunker Hill	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Denver	.....	25	10 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	11 50
East Norway	1 60	1 00	19 20	2 60	.....	.....	5 00	2 37	.....	.....	31 77
Emporia	1 70	50	15 70	2 55	3 85	.....	3 50	1 50	.....	.....	29 30
Eureka	.....	.....	11 10	.....	.....	.....	8 50	.....	6 40	.....	26 00
Hebron	90	50	16 50	3 00	2 00	.....	1 50	50	.....	.....	24 90
Hutchinson	45	50	11 60	40	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	17 95
Kansas City, First Church	.....	.....	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00
Kansas City Memorial	20	.....	14 39	.....	2 90	.....	3 50	2 00	.....	.....	22 99
Lawrence	1 00	50	17 10	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	22 60
Minneapolis	50	50	8 00	1 15	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	14 15
Ottawa	.....	75	11 00	6 22	50	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	21 47
Peabody	2 70	50	32 75	5 85	2 65	.....	5 00	33 45	2 35	.....	85 25
Perth	.....	.....	2 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 65
Salina	2 35	50	16 40	1 75	3 50	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	31 50
Topeka	2 00	50	25 20	8 10	3 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	41 80
Waterville	80	.....	12 50	2 05	1 25	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	17 10
Whitewater	1 60	50	11 30	2 90	.....	.....	1 75	4 00	.....	$2 00	24 05

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

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Atchison, Young People's Mission Band	$0 80	.....	$4 90	$2 00	.....	.....	$0 50	.....	.....	.....	$8 20
Atchison, Children's Band	.....	.....	3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 11
Emporia, Children's Band	.....	$0 25	3 12	71	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	7 08
Lawrence, Children's Band	.....	25	4 05	.....	.....	$12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 80
Peabody, Children's Band	.....	.....	8 30	.....	.....	.....	75	$30 00	$6 25	.....	45 30
Mrs. Ira S. Fleck, Russell, Kansas	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Rev. H. Zimmerman	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Appropriation to Literature Committee	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Appropriation to Unfinished Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	$0 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
Life Membership for Mrs. Bond by Synodical Society	.....	.....	*10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Contributed at Convention, 1897	10 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 20
Total contributions	$30 10	$13 00	$354 92	$48 41	$27 50	$12 50	$50 00	$85 47	$22 50	$2 00	$646 40
Balance on hand from last report	21 78	.....	13 40	.....	15 15	10 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 13
Grand totals	$51 88	$13 00	$368 32	$48 41	$42 65	$23 30	$50 00	$85 47	$22 50	$2 00	$707 53
Disbursements	32 82	12 50	349 32	48 41	42 65	23 30	50 00	85 47	22 50	2 00	668 97
Balance on hand	$19 06	$0 50	$19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$38 56

* Life Membership for Mrs. Bond is included in General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE L. HOFFER, *Treasurer.*

Historian's Report.

Mrs. President: Since last year I have added to the historical collection a copy of the minutes of last year's convention, with program of same; copies of Mission Studies and Missionary Journal.

The historical record of each Auxiliary is still incomplete. It is of the utmost importance that all the details of the very earliest history of each organization be preserved. I have noticed in reading over these sketches that the pastor's influence aided greatly in establishing these organizations, that the foundations were laid in prayer, and the work undertaken with fear and trembling, yet with reliance upon God. The main points called for: date of organization, first officers, time of entrance into Synodical society, and a carefully prepared statement of moneys contributed.

Memorial sketches of a few of our departed workers have been clipped from church papers, and especially those of our sainted Dr. Day have been added to the Scrap Book. I also, through the kindness of Dr. Scholl, received a cabinet photograph of Dr. Day.

Synodical Historians are requested to keep a list of all life members belonging to their respective societies. I ask your aid in ascertaining the names of all who have this honor, and reporting to me at an early date.

I ask your hearty co-operation with me in any way that tends to the furtherance of this department of our work.

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS.

In Memoriam.

Since our last meeting, God, in His providence, has taken from us a worthy member of the Peabody Society, Mrs. J. F. Seybold, an earnest, active worker in the Master's service. Her spirit took its flight just as the joyous Easter bells were pealing forth, "The Lord is risen." May her reward be according to the desire of her heart.

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when she sleeps in dust."

Appointment of Convention Committees and Parlimentary Drill were made the order of business of the afternoon session.

Adjourned at 11:30.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 20TH.

The Praise Service, in charge of Mrs. Geo. S. Funk, of Peabody, opened this session at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Barnitz addressed the meeting, bringing greetings from the Board of Home Missions and reporting growth and harmony in the spiritual work. The address excited deep interest, sympathy and ambition.

On motion, the work of the morning session was taken up, one-half hour being given to Parlimentary Drill.

Report of Literature Committee.

Your Committee made the usual solicitations in November, 1897, for Tracts and Mission Studies, and received eighteen subscriptions for the former and twenty-one subscriptions for the latter.

At the advice of the Synodical President, the tracts were distributed monthly instead of quarterly.

Quarterly Free Tracts on Giving were also distributed.

The monthly and quarterly tracts were sent to some of the weak societies not subscribing.

We herewith submit a financial statement:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October, 1897	$0 60
Convention sales	2 94
Appropriation for express	1 03
Appropriation for literature	5 00
For Mission Studies and Tracts	9 85
Total	$19 42

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Mr. Williams, for express	$1 95	
To Mrs. Carr, for literatnre	13 37	
To postage	3 88	
Total		19 20
Balance on hand		$0 22

Respectfully submitted, MILDRED YARGER,
Chairman.

Discussion—Our Literature.

The discussion developed, among other points of interest, the following:

Importance.—The general opinion is that the literature is an important factor in the furtherance of the work.

Circulation.—One delegate reported that the tracts were placed in envelopes and passed from member to member. Another had a little girl distribute them at the church door.

Tracts are read in a majority of the societies at the monthly meetings; this seems to be the most successful use of them. Mission Studies are used in all auxiliaries, and are depended upon for the lesson studies.

By request, the discussion on "Methods of Work" was postponed until the Friday morning meeting.

Paper by Mrs. Berg

Mrs. Maurice Berg read a paper on "The Grace of Giving." The following is a synopsis:

"There is a general lack of knowledge of Bible teaching upon this subject. We should learn to appreciate God's blessings toward us, especially the gift of His Son, and give in this same spirit to Him—the spirit of love.

"We ought not to emphasize less the blessings we receive in turn for giving, but urge people to give because it is a duty, more a privilege. It is as truly a part of worship as singing and prayer.

"We should have a system in our giving, and make it a matter of conscience to live up to our belief upon this question.

"Let the 'tenth' serve as the minimum; better, 'lay by in store as prospered.'

"The thought of a Lord's Treasury was emphasized, so we feel that we give to the Lord instead of the different objects.

"Then we would seek God's direction in distributing our gifts, and no cause receive all, nor any worthy object go begging."

Scripture quotations on the subject, "Giving," then followed.

Convention Committees.

On Officers' Reports—Miss Josephine Maedel, Mrs. A. B. Kirtland, Mrs. H. W. McAfee.

On Letters and Papers—Mrs. G. S. Funk, Mrs. M. Berg, Mrs. L. C. Spangler.

On Treasurer's Report—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. H. L. Humphrey.

On Minutes of Last Convention—Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer, Mrs. N. Ryde.

On Resolutions—Mrs. L. S. Keyser, Miss Emma Lepper, Mrs. C. E. Osman.

Reporters.

City Papers—Mrs. Olive J. Peters.
Lutheran Observer—Mrs. G. S. Funk.
Lutheran Evangelist—Mrs. Maurice Berg.
Lutheran World—Mrs. A. B. Kirtland.
Missionary Journal—Mrs. L. S. Keyser.

At the close of the meeting a letter from Miss Laura Wade Rice in reference to the Children's Missionary was read. Miss Rice urges us to do all we can in supporting the paper.

After singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," the convention was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Kirtland.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING.

At 7 : 30 o'clock the members and friends, in conjunction with members of Synod, assembled in the Zion Lutheran church. An anthem, "The Lord shall Bless Thee and Keep Thee," prepared our hearts for the devotional exercises, following which Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., led in prayer. Psalm cvii. was read by the President, and prayer offered by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Paper by Mrs. Humphrey.

Mrs. H. L. Humphrey, of Abilene, read the first paper of the evening, on "How Much Owest Thou Thy Lord?" in which she said, in part:

"It seems to have become a fixed and chronic condition of mind with so many of the mothers and sisters of Israel that their work is done when they deposit their usual gift in response to the pastor's annual appeal for missions. They appear to feel that the women of the Missionary Society are troublesome, if not meddlesome, in thrusting forward their claims in behalf of their Society's work and needs. They seem to consider as mythical fables the reports of the suffering, benighted condition of many of our heathen women.

"Just as the foreign work needs more teachers, workers and women to go out and talk to women of Christ for all the world and all the world for Christ, so are they needed in the same work at home—to go from house to house until

the true missionary spirit permeates the Church. We need to remember the promised effect of the little leaven.

"How much owest thou thy Lord? We need to know and hasten to fulfil each day's payment, for by the words of the parable Christ teaches and commands to 'pay me what thou owest.' God has fulfilled His promises to us, and now awaits that human co-operation which He requires of every child of His who looks up to Him and calls Him 'Abba, Father.'"

Address of Mrs. Keyser.

Following the above paper, Mrs. L. S. Keyser, of Atchison, addressed the convention upon "Some Important Things in Mission Work." We extract the following:

"Continued instruction is necessary. People are forgetful, and, therefore, our motto in mission work should be 'precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little.' It is not enough to satisfy our own needs; we must help everybody we can to come to Christ.

"Our Boards and missionaries need money; it is true, but they also need something more. 'The gift without the giver is bare.' They want to feel that we have confidence in them and their work. Nothing will so nerve their hearts as the knowledge that the people at home believe in them.

"We must know about work in order to have any enthusiasm for it. Zeal without knowledge would not be a good thing, but the trouble is that there is not likely to be any zeal in missions without knowledge. Nothing is more needful than the extension of missionary literature. If our people will read about the heroic sacrifices, the noble unselfishness of our missionaries, the wonderful success of their work, it will beget an interest that will lead to giving and doing.

"Persons who mislead the Church in regard to our missionary operations will have a heavy account to give; but those who are so willing to be misled will also be held responsible; they cannot escape, for the means of knowing the truth are at hand.

Hearty support of the Woman's Executive Committee is also extremely important. Having been a member of that committee for a number of years, I would, without hesitation, bespeak your fullest confidence in the women composing it. They are not women of narrow views, nor are they neglectful of their own home duties or their local church work; but while they attend faithfully to such duties, they also find time to do a great deal of work for the spiritually destitute in this and other lands. You may depend upon it that they will give every subject brought properly to their attention the most careful thought, and you will find that their decisions are almost always the wisest that could be reached."

Address of Mrs. Beegle.

The third paper of the evening was one prepared by Mrs. E. C. Beegle, of Atchison. Mrs. Beegle treated of "Our Duty to Our

Successors, the Young People." The following is a digest of the paper:

"The divine plan of tutorage in preparation for God's service is exemplified in the anointing of Elisha by Elijah, and the subsequent association of teacher-prophet and pupil-prophet; likewise, in Christ's selection of disciples and His intimate association with them.

"How can we most effectively train our successors in mission work, is a question of transcendent importance to-day.

"First. We ourselves must be possessed of a yearning love for souls. Our lives must evince a living purpose, directed by a holy zeal. Then only will our manifest earnestness communicate itself to others.

"Second. Remembering that Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase, we must implore divine assistance in our efforts to influence the young. Efficiency in this line of endeavor is not dependent upon human invention alone, but largely upon the power of God working through us.

"Third. The recognized auxiliary organizations of a church can become training classes for the young, the duty of supervision devolving chiefly upon the Woman's Missionary Society. The same practical methods employed by active secular organizations in organizing and maintaining junior circles, must obtain in the superintendence of Young People's and Children's Missionary Societies. The success of junior missionary organizations depends upon the expenditure of time, thought, labor and genius in conducting them. Every detail of program or of administration must be carefully planned. Committees must have unseen guidance in order to perform their duties with due cleverness. Such effort means work, but in no department of church enterprise do energy, skill and tact produce such gratifying returns.

"Fourth. The young people and children can be trained for mission work without multiplying organizations. The Young People's Society of a church, with the characteristic magnanimity of the young, will soon endorse the monthly substitution of a mission topic for the assigned one, especially if some capable adviser assist in preparation of programme, etc. A monthly membership fee, or a free-will offering at each meeting, will develop the grace of giving. A Children's Mission Band should be an internal organization of every Sunday-school, including in its membership all pupils of the school not members of the Young People's Society. A Mission Band superintended by some member of the Woman's Society especially adapted to such leadership, soon becomes a delight to the children. The Children's Missionary, which contains just such information as affords children an intelligent acquaintance with mission fields and mission enterprise, should be one of the periodicals distributed in our Sunday-schools. Is it not possible to have a Young People's Missionary Society and a Children's Mission Band, in every congregation of this Synod? Will not our Woman's Societies and the pastors of congregations not having Woman's Missionary Societies, adopt some such plan as outlined, and patiently, prayerfully, and tactfully guide the effort—and that without longer delay?

Surely such endeavor commends itself when we consider that the pastors of the future, the missionaries of the future, the members of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the future, are the young people and the children of the present. Would we have them more efficient than we are, then let us train them as best we can, and to God be all praise for considering us worthy of a call to service and for granting us an opportunity to instruct our successors."

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., then addressed the meeting.

The collection, amounting to $9.11, was taken.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. J. M. Cromer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The devotional exercises of this morning were in charge of Mrs. C. E. Osman.

Roll call.

Minutes read, amended and adopted.

Postponement was granted for the Question Box exercise until afternoon, and time was given the committees on officers' reports and on resolutions.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

The Committee on Letters and Papers submit the following for your approval:

We heard with pleasure and profit the following carefully prepared papers: "The Grace of Giving," Mrs. Maurice Berg; "What Owest Thou Thy Lord?" Mrs. H. L. Humphrey; "Important Things in Mission Work," Mrs. L. S. Keyser; "Our Duty to our Successors," Mrs. E. C. Beegle; all of which are replete with wisdom and instruction.

We heartily coincide with Miss Laura Wade Rice in asking all Societies that do not use the Children's Missionary to use their influence and urge a goodly number to be placed in their Sabbath-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. S. FUNK,
MRS. MAURICE BERG,
MRS. L. C. SPANGLER.

Adopted.

The report of Box-work Committee is very encouraging and

the arrangements made for the box-packing service are commendable.

The report of the Literature Committee shows care and attention given to the work and increased interest of the Auxiliary Societies in missionary literature.

Letters of greeting were received from the societies at Perth and Lawrence and a card from Miss Mary Hay Morris, who sent eighteen copies of the General Society minutes for distribution. These minutes were thoroughly appreciated.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Literature Committee be commended for their faithful distribution of tracts.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's books, with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. OLIVE J. PETERS,
MRS. H. L. HUMPHREY.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

We, your Committee, recommend the addition to the first page of the minutes of the roll of Societies and the dates of organization; that the discussions be recorded more fully in the minutes; also that any Society unable to send a delegate, shall send a written excuse for not doing so.

Respectfully submitted, NETTIE HOFFER,
NELLIE RYDE.

Adopted.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., spoke for a few minutes, commending the Woman's work, and especially that of California.

The discussion on "Methods of Work in Auxiliary Societies" was conducted by Mrs. Olive J. Peters, under the following heads:

1. Bible Study. All Societies use Missionary Lessons in Journal. Several Societies give out their references a few days at least, and sometimes a week, before the meeting. References are given to more timid members who do not like to take other parts.

2. Lesson Study. Missionary current events were used, every

member giving some item of interest. Selections from Journal used as basis for talks and papers.

3. Raising Funds. (*a*) For General Fund. All dues devoted to General Fund. (*b*) Special Objects. Give from your own pockets. The holding of socials and teas for raising money for missionary purposes was discouraged. (*c*) Contingent Fund. Special assessments the best way to replenish the Contingent Fund.

4. Enlisting new members. Invite them until they come. Children's parts in program bring mothers out. Each member prays for some special one. Each persistently but gently invites some special one.

The importance of every lady member of the Church becoming a member of the Missionary Society was forcibly expressed.

Election of Officers.

The new officers elected were as follows:

President—Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer, Emporia.
First Vice-President—Mrs. L. S. Keyser, Atchison.
Second Vece-President—Mrs. J. B. Wherfel, Hutchinson.
Third Vice-President—Mrs. William Berg, Salina.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. M. Reitzel, Hutchinson.
Recording Secretary—Miss Josephine Maedel, Kansas City.
Treasurer—Mrs. G. S. Funk, Peabody.

Adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened by Mrs. H. W. McAfee, with Scripture, song and prayer.

After roll call and reading of minutes, the Committee examining Officers' Reports reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Committee appointed to examine Officers' Reports are pleased to say that an examination of the President's address shows untiring zeal in fulfilling her mission. We would recommend that each delegate present to its society

in the same earnest manner as did our President the importance of increasing the auxiliary work. We also recommend that $50.00 be contributed by the Synodical Society for the support of a bed in the India Hospital, and that the Memorial Cards shall be made use of for the Thank Offering, in the manner suggested by the President.

The reports of Vice-Presidents show their work in overlooking the auxiliary societies in their respective conferences and efforts to establish new societies and increase the strength numerically and spiritually.

We recommend, in view of the Historian's report, that the delegates shall impress upon the societies they represent the importance of reporting to her everything that may be of value for record, and that the dates of organization and important events at that time be sent by each society which has not already done so.

The Corresponding Secretary's report shows earnest and careful work on the part of Mrs. Reitzel, who recorded two new societies during the past year, But two of the societies enrolled have not reported to her this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE MAEDEL,
MRS. A. B. KIRTLAND,
MRS. H. W. McAFEE.

Approved.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions would submit the following:

Resolved, That we return heartfelt thanks to God for the preservation of our lives and the prosperity He has given us during the past year.

Resolved, That to the pastor of the Lutheran church of this place and his hospitable people, who have so generously opened their homes to us; the choir, for their well-rendered music and the organist who attended us, and also to the Christian congregation for the use of their church, and to all who have contributed to the pleasure and profit of this convention, we extend our hearty thanks.

Resolved, That we endorse all efforts to promote the cause of temperance; that we believe the saloon an unmitigated evil, and will labor for its abolishment; that we, the women of this Synod, will do all in our power to inculcate temperance and to promote total abstinence among the children of our homes, Sunday-schools and communities.

Resolved, That we have appreciated the addresses of our Secretaries, Drs. Barnitz and Yarger, and express confidence in the administration of our Home and Foreign Missionary Boards, and the work of our own Executive Committee, who planned so wisely and conscientiously for the extension of the missionary cause.

Resolved, That we would express our high esteem of our retiring President, Mrs. Alice G. Bond, who has served us so efficiently for the past two years, and that we wish her success in the larger sphere to which she has been called, that of President of the General Society, and we appreciate the honor con-

ferred upon her personally, and upon our society in her being called to such a conspicuous and responsible position.

Resolved, That we miss the association and wise counsel of Mrs. R. H. Williams, our Recording Secretary, and Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer, one of our trustees, and hope that they may be equally useful in their new fields of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. S. KEYSER,
MRS. C. E. OSMAN,
EMMA LEPPER.

Adopted.

Motion was made and adopted that the Secretary be instructed to publish the minutes more fully, and that the extra cost be paid out of the Society's funds.

Delegate to General Convention.

The election of delegate to the General Convention resulted in the choice of Mrs. J. B. Wherfel as delegate, Mrs. O. J. Peters as alternate.

Question Box.

Question Box exercise by Mrs. J. B. Wherfel reviewed the following facts among others:

A woman cannot be other than an active member of the Society. The societies must read minutes of the Synodical Convention more closely. All money of the Society must be handled by the Society's Treasurer, and neither the President nor any other officer has the right to the use of same.

Greetings.

Mrs. G. W. Hodges, president of the Presbyterian Missionary Society of Hutchinson, was introduced and extended greetings. In closing her remarks, her statement of a true missionary, "We have no service-term, no furlough, no discharges," was echoed by each member present.

Election of Trustee.

Mrs. O. J. Peters was elected for the unexpired term of Mrs. Oberholtzer.

Sedalia Window.

A window memorial to the Woman's Kansas Synodical Society was placed in the Sedalia church by personal subscriptions of the

delegates. The money was reported all paid at the time of this Convention.

Miscellaneous.

The Historian was made custodian of the Society's charter.

An appropriation of $5.00 was made to the Literature Committee.

The Society recommended the preparation of a Synodical box next year.

Box-Packing.

An invitation was extended by Synod to have the box-packing service conducted at Zion's Lutheran church, and at 4 o'clock the session was held for that purpose.

Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer opened the meeting with prayer and praise, after which she announced the object for which the service was being held: "To pack a box for Rev. M. Kossick, his wife and nine-year-old son, of Stamford, Neb."

In answer to roll call, each delegate, repeating a scriptural prayer or benediction, carried forward her offering of clothing, table and bed linen or money, and the whole society, standing guard around the packers, witnessed the filling of the box and listened to articles read on the blessings of box-work to our needy missionaries.

Softly and impressively all sang "God be with you till we meet again," and after a closing prayer by Dr. F. D. Altman, the convention was finally adjourned.

JOSEPHINE MAEDEL,
Recording Secretary.

Addenda.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held after the adjournment of the Convention, and the following business was transacted:

Minutes were read and approved.

Moved and carried that President's report be printed in full.

The Historian was authorized to purchase a telescope in which to keep the costumes of the Society.

The following bills were allowed:

For postage and stationery (Historian)	$0 38
For postage and stationery (Treasurer)	9 20
For postage and stationery (Corresponding Secretary)	86
	$10 44

The Treasurer was authorized to order the printing of receipt blanks.

The following committees were appointed:

Literature Committee—Mrs. H. L. Humphrey, Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Johntz.

Box-Work Committee—Mrs. E. C. Beegle, Mrs. J. B. Wherfel, Mrs. L. S. Keyser and Mrs. Wm. Berg.

The box sent Rev. Kossick was valued at $90.00.

Adjourned.

JOSEPHINE MAEDEL, *Secretary.*

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